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WREATHS AT RAJGHAT

Mr. George V. Denny Jr., Moderater of America's Town Meeting lays a wreath at Raj Ghat as Mr. Chester S. Williams (left), Chairman of the World Town Hall Seminar stands ready with a second wreath honouring Gandhiji. Among others attending the Sunday morning ceremony in New Delhi were (left to right): Mrs. Denny, Mr. Krishna Nair, Vice President of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee; Dr. Eugene Briggs, representing the American Legion, a war veterans' organization; Mr. Radha Raman (head bowed), President of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee; Mr. Walter White, past President, the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, and Mrs. White.—USIS photo.

CHINESE REDS CLAIM RAPID VICTORIES

Foochow Falls: Birthplace Of Mao Occupied

CANTON, August 17. (U.P.A.):

ON the chessboard of civil war. Chinese, Communists today registered rapid victories. Foochow, 450 miles north-east of Canton fell despite Nationalist efforts to bolster up reinforcements.

In the north-west, Reds occupied Loonghai, 80 miles south-east of Lanchow. Advance were now approaching Anting, 50 miles from Lanchow.

In Hunan Province, Communists captured Hsiang-Hsiang, birthplace of Communist leader Mao Tse-Tung, 45 miles south-west of Changsha. They had also taken Shaling, 65 miles east of the rail junction of Hengyang. Other spearheads were also reported to have reached Tanu, 175 miles south of Canton. Troops under General Lin Piao were closing in on Ieiyang 205 miles north.

NATIONALISTS TRAPPED

HONG KONG. 10,000 Nationalist troops are trapped at Manei on the lower reaches of the Min river adds PTI-Reuter.

Chinese civilians were today ordered to abandon a town only 120 miles from Canton as Communist armies swept southwards towards Canton and Hong Kong. The town the Nationalists have ordered to be evacuated, Kukong, is well inside the Kwangtung border.

In north-west China Communist General Peng Teh-Huai's troops had reached Pingri and Pingyuan, near Lanchow, the Kansu capital, the spokesman added.

The Hong Kong Government announced today that it had taken over the China National Aviation Corporation's workshops in Kaitak Hong Kong and Airbase, because of the limited space available at the airport to house Royal Air Force stores and men.

NATIONALIST ADMISSION

The Chinese Nationalist Government today conceded the loss of Foochow which was one of its last two big ports on China's east coast, UPA reports from Hong Kong.

A Central News Agency dispatch from Formosa said a Government spokesman announced that the Nationalist defenders had been ordered to withdraw to an undisclosed destination.

The fall of Foochow, midway between Shanghai and Hong Kong, leaves Amoy, 320 miles north-east of Canton and 50 miles south-west of Foochow, the only major east coast port remaining in Nationalist hands.

MAO'S TELEGRAM

Communist Peiping Radio said today that Mao Tse-Tung, Chinese Communist leader, yesterday sent a telegram to officers and the men of the former Nationalist Army which recently capitulated to Communist forces at Changsha (adds PTI-Reuter).

The Radio made no mention of foreign radio broadcasts which reported the death of Mao due to Tuberculosis in Peiping in July.

The telegram to the former Nationalists, signed also by General Chu Teh, Communist Commander-in-Chief, told them to be ready for reorganisation in the Communist Army shortly.

Chinese Protest

HONG KONG, Aug. 17, (PTI-Reuter): The Chinese Government has lodged a "vigorous protest" with the British Embassy in China against recent "hostile actions by British naval vessels at the mouth of the Yangtze", according to the official Nationalist Central News Agency.

The protest demands that such incidents shall not be repeated, the Agency said.

The Chinese Foreign Office was quoted as stating that on the night of July 31—the night the British destroyer "Amethyst" escaped from the Yangtze—the Chinese Navy intercepted the British Destroyer "Concord" at the mouth of the river while attempting to sail upstream.

41 KARENS KILLED IN BURMA

RANGOON, Aug. 17. (PTI-Reuter): Forty-one Karen rebels were killed and several wounded when Government troops repulsed an attack on Loyem, near Loikaw, capital of the Karenni States, 250 miles north-east of Rangoon, Burma Army Radio reported tonight.

The insurgents, who were about 500 strong, fled in disorder after heavy fighting, the announcer said.

In Upper Burma, the Radio added, Government troops re-occupied several rebel-strongholds in the Shwebo District, north of Mandalay.

Red Quislings In Jail Hoist Black Flag And Riot

LUCKNOW, August 17, (P. T. I.): Communist detenus in Aligarh District Jail planted a black flag on their barracks on Independence Day, and later clashed with the jail warders and police after refusing to disperse, it was reported here today.

Several persons including the Superintendent of Police were injured.

The jail warders pulled down the black flag but the detenus hoisted another, the reports said. When they were ordered to return to their barracks, the detenus refused to do so and showered stones on the police and the jail authorities. Thereupon the police lathi-charged the prisoners, according to these reports.

BOMB-THROWINGS DOWN SOUTH

MADRAS, Aug. 17 (P T I)—Four incidents of bomb-throwing on Independence Day were reported from Tinnevelly district, a spokesman of the Madras Government said today.

One was hurled at the residence in Kaliadakurichi of Srimati Lakshmi Shankarier, a member of the Madras Assembly, and another at the residence of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate of Ambasamudram.

At Coimbatore a crude bomb hit the car of the Food Minister Mr. Roche Victoria.

There were no casualties in any of these incidents, the spokesman added.

Over 25 persons, said to be Communists, were taken into custody for attempting to create disturbances on August 15 in the province.

Nehru Tells 'Town Meeting Of The Air'

Democracy Must Extend Its Scope To Raise Our Standards Of Living

FINAL TEST IS WHAT BENEFITS PEOPLE

NEW DELHI, August 17, (P.T.I.).

PRIME MINISTER Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing "America's Town Meeting of the Air" here today said that democracy had to extend its scope from the purely political to other fields so as to find a solution for the problem of raising the living standards and well-being of the masses.

The meeting was organised by a delegation of the Town Hall Incorporated of New York, an American institution, which organises periodical broadcast meetings for discussion of important public issues.

The subject of the discussion today was, "What are democracy's best answers to Communism?" Four speakers Mr. W. L. Hemmingway representing the American Bankers Association Mrs Edith S. Sampson, Chairman of the National Council of Negro Women (America), and Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Director, Delhi School of Economics, and Mrs. Renuka Ray, Vice-President of the All-India Women's Conference participated in the discussions and answered questions from the audience.

The proceedings of the meeting, including Pandit Nehru's speech, were recorded and will be broadcast on September 17 in the United States.

GREETINGS

Pandit Nehru said: "I wish to extend my greetings to you, and welcome you to this ancient city of Delhi, which has experienced many thousands of years of human history. We welcome you as representatives of a great country and as men and women of goodwill, who seek understanding of others and a way of co-operation for the solution of the world's problems. Soon I shall be going to your country and I am looking forward greatly and with some excitement to this first visit of mine to America.

"Your watchword is democracy and we in India are also wedded to the democratic ideal and the democratic process. We want to adhere to that ideal, because we think that it has something of great value for humanity.

"At the same time, all of us, and more especially we in Asia, are confronted by great and basic problems which demand urgent attention. Essentially these problems are how to raise the living standards and well-being of our masses how to provid them the primary necessities for a civilised existence. Democracy has to find a solution for these problems, for they cannot wait for some future date.

'Our approach, therefore, has to be in terms of what benefits and raises the common man and woman. Therefore, democracy has to extend its scope from the purely political to other fields so as to find a solution for these vital problems."

EXPORTING COMMUNISM

Mr. Hemingway said that "if the leaders of Communism in Russia were content to let their system prove its worth in their own country, we would be very well satisfied, but unfortunately they wished to export their Communism to other parts of the world. He felt that what was known as the "cold war with Russia" could be answered by telling the world the things that we (America) have accomplished without denying our shortcomings and weaknesses and emphasising to the world the "delinquencies of Communism."

Dr. Rao said that Communism flourished most where there was distress and perty or where there was discrimination on grounds of race, religion and economic or political status.

The solution of the problem, he added, was "an effective working of the United Nations organisation by older democracoes." But unless colonialism and discriminations disappear it would be difficult for Asia to meet the Communist appeal to the many suppressed nationalities and minorities of Asia.

Dr. Rao felt that colonial powers should give freedom to their colonies and the "wealthier democracies must pour out a part of their wealth to be used internationally and only through international machinery for promoting the economic development of the underdeveloped parts of the world."

PRACTICE AT HOME

Mrs. Edith Sampson said: "Democracy's best answer to Communism is

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Rs. 5 Lakhs Loss In Lahore Fire

LAHORE, Aug. 17. (PTI-Reuter): Property worth about rupees five lakhs is reported to have been destroyed in a big fire which broke out here this morning.

The flames rapidly engulfed two buildings housing the Friends Film Services and the Pakistan Printing Press. About 135 films were destroyed causing loud explosion.

MORE TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA

India To Set Up A Corporation

SYDNEY, August 17, (PTI-Reuter): The Indian Government is establishing a ten million (Australian) pound corporation to operate a shipping line between the two countries, Mr. A. Baksi, the Indian Trade Commissioner in Australia disclosed here tonight.

His Government he said considered a trade increase between the two countries important.

Trade between the two countries for the last financial year, he said, amounted to about 52 million (Australian) pounds.

Similar corporations would be established to handle trade with the Continent and the United States he added.

The Indian Government would find 51 percent of the capital—the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited 26 percent and public subscription 23 percent—to establish an India-Australia line to be known as India-Eastern Overseas Corporation, Mr. Baksi said.

The two ten-thousand ton ships "Bombay", now in Sydney, and "West Bengal", now in Melbourne, would begin two-way trading this month, he added.

Sugar Prices May Be Cut Soon

NEW DELHI, August 17, (P. T. I.): Effective measures will soon be adopted by the Central Government to reduce the price of sugar, it is learnt.

Simultaneously, steps will be taken to fix reduced prices for cane and sugar for the coming crushing season and to consider proposals for increased production of sugar during the next year.

These decisions are understood to be the result of an informal conference which Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, held yesterday with the representatives of sugar manufacturers and wholesale and retail distributors. The conference was called to consider the real causes of the recent increase in the price of sugar.

HAGUE R.T.C. ON AUGUST 23

Leaders Meet Again

THE HAGUE, Aug. 17, (PTI-Reuter): The round table conference on Indonesia will open here on August 23, it was learned on very reliable authority today.

When the leaders of the Dutch, Republican and Federalist delegations met today, they agreed that next Tuesday was the most suitable opening date for the conference.

During the day the Dutch delegated met the members of the pre-Federal Government at Batavia who are now in Holland.

Tomorrow the leaders and deputy leaders of the three delegations, and the members of the United Nations Commission, will meet for further discussion on the composition of the Steering Committee and on the rules of procedure.

It was understood that while the Republicans had suggested that a member of the United Nations Commission should preside preside over the Steering Committee, the Federalists proposed that the delegation leaders should preside for one week in rotation.

No decision has been reached.

QUAKE ROCKS QUETTA

An earthquake shock of mild intensity rocked Quetta at 5-20 p.m. on Wednesday. No loss of life or damage has so far been reported.

Destruction Of Wheat Crops In Mysore

MOVE TO CHECK SPREADING OF 'RUST'

BANGALORE, Aug. 17, (PTI): Standing wheat crops in the three districts of Chitaldrug, Hassan and Chikmagalur in Mysore State have been ordered to be destroyed. This action has been taken in order to check the spread of the disease called "rust" and at the instance of the Government of India.

It will be recalled that wheat crop in the Central Indian belt was affected by rust, and on investigation, experts were of the opinion that the disease was being carried from the wheat grown in the South. Therefore, by a notification issued in November last year, rearing of wheat crops was prohibited in the South for a period of three years.

A few acres in Mysore were sown this season (the season in the South is from April to September whereas in the North in begins from September) and the Assistant Mycologist from the Government of India who toured the three districts last month found wheat grown in some of the villages were infested. The order for destruction of the crops was issued as a sequel.

The Government of Mysore issued a Press Note today clarifying the position because "alarming reports had appeared in the Press regarding this destruction".

BOYD-ORR SUGGESTS WORLD FOOD BANK

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 17, (PTI): The setting up of a "World Food Bank" was urged by Lord John Boyd-Orr, former Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation at a Women's International Congress here today.

Declaring that science was now 20 years ahead of politics, Lord Boyd-Orr said that all responsible nations should co-operate in the establishment of such a food bank.

With such a bank, he continued, nobody need ever again fear the spectre of famine. A country with a poor harvest need only call on the bank for supplies.

Lord Boyd-Orr said that in America, stocks of food were so great that it was proving difficult to dispose of them.

He added: "Prices on the world markets must be stabilised. The World Bank for Food is an idea in which all countries can co-operate, regardless of political views," he added.

STEPS TO CHECK TAX EVASION

Modify Statute From Time To Time; Raise Efficiency

NEW DELHI, August 17 (PTI).

MODIFICATION from time to time of the income-tax statute in order to close loopholes which "judicial construction cannot plug" and increased efficiency in administration are two important suggestions of the Income Tax Investigation Committee which has reported on steps to check tax evasion.

The report says: "Most frequently taxes are evaded because proper administrative machinery has not been provided, or the machinery is not working properly... It is, therefore, necessary not only to increase the efficiency of the Department, but also to improve relation with public.

"The Income Tax Officer must show by his conduct that he is not the tax-grabber he is described to be, but a referee between the State and the tax-payer, with the sole idea and desire that both get a square deal."

The Commission feels that in this task business and professional interests can contribute by awakening public conscience against evasion, if they would show by their action that an evader is not fit to hold any position of trust or honour in the community, particularly under a popular Government.

POWERS FOR OFFICERS

Wide powers for Income Tax Officers to gather relevant information in order to deal effectively with persons suspected of having dealings with the black-market, prosecution of tax evaders in flagrant or repeated cases of violation of the law and, with the approval of the Government, even disqualifying them from membership of legislative and local bodies or from acting as trustees, enrolment of income-tax practitioners and prescription of a code of professional conduct and discipline for them, are some of the other suggestions made by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION

The Commission was constituted under the Taxation on Income (Investigation Commission) Act 1947 with Mr. S. Varadachariar as Chairman and Messrs. G. S. Rajadhyaksha and V. D. Mazumdar as members.

Its terms of reference were to investigate and report to the Central Government on all matters relating to taxation on income, with particular reference to the extent to which the existing law relating to procedure for the assessment and collection of taxes is adequate to prevent evasion; and to investigate cases referred to it under section of the Act and report on them to the Central Government.

The Commission submitted its report to the Government of India in December 1948.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Commission issued a questionnaire containing 60 questions to a number of interested persons, associations and institutions. A covering letter made it clear that the Commission was principally concerned with topics of legal aviodance, evasion and the causes which often led to taxes not being levied or collected through defective machinery in the Department. The Commission has made 192 recommendations in all, touching on almost all important provisions of the income-tax law.

Soon after the Commission had entered upon its duty, its attention was called by the Government to the serious loss in revenue resulting by the way in which Section 34—one of the principal provisions to check evasion—of the Income-tax Act was being interpreted by courts and tribunals. The Commission, therefore, suggested certain amendments in the section in the light of opinions received from the public. The Income-tax Act was accordingly amended by the Legislature in its autumn session last year.

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FRENCH TROOPS' VANDALISM

LONDON, Aug. 17 (UPI).

French troops are systematically destroying Viet Namese rice plantations, the Viet Nam Radio reported today. Armoured cars were said to be trampling down thousands of acres of rice fields for the last several weeks. The troops were burning rice granaries and killing cattle recklessly and firing at women and children and peasants working in fields and river dyes.

Military reports said that French troops had been driven out of the town of Backan by Viet Namese troops.

'Cut Down Expenditure' Call To Ministries

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17.

The Finance Ministry has sent circulars to all the other Central Ministries which urge that in view of the grave national emergency they should cut down their expenditure to the minimum.

GOKUL ASHTAMI INCIDENTS

Man Dead, Boy Hurt

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A young man was killed and a 10-year-old boy was seriously injured while taking part in 'Govinda' processions that were taken out in different localities in the city in celebration of Gokul Ashtami today.

Narayan Laxman, (22) climbed up a human pyramid to break a 'Dahi Handi' which was tied 17 feet above the road between the balconies of two buildings at Kombdi Wadi, Dadar. Narayan is said to have lost his balance and fallen. He complained of pain in the body and was removed to his home where he died.

Shankar Dattatraya Chavate, (10), residing at Khoparwadi, Mahar-baouri, came out of his house to see a 'Govinda' procession passing along the locality. While he was standing on the footpath, a windowpane fell on him. Shankar was seriously injured. He is now in a hospital.

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DELHI PLANS FOR INDIA'S INDUSTRIES

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(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, August 17.

THE plan drawn up by the Government of India for the industrial development of the country covers a wide field. A factory for the manufacture of radio equipment, a penicillin factory, a plant for producing telephone cables are some of the schemes on hand while experts have been commissioned to look into the possibility of establishing plants for machine tool production, and diesel engines.

India's requirements of telephone cables are at present met entirely from imports It is estimated that the annual requirements of the Posts and Telegraphs Department for the next ten years will be of the value of Rs. 70 lakhs, and thereafter not less than Rs. 50 lakhs. Apart from the fact that this demand would itself justify the establishment in India of an economic unit for the manufacture of these cables it is considered that in this vital industry India should not depend on foreign countries for meeting her demands, but should be self-sufficient. With this object in view an expert engineer who had carried out a technical survey of the electric cable industry in Germany was appointed last year to investigate the possibility of establishing a Government-owned factory in India. After an examination of his report it has been decided to establish a factory for the manufacture of dry core paper insulated telephone cables. Negotiations are in progress with a leading firm for technical advice in the establishment of this factory. An agreement is expected to be reached soon, and it is hoped that the factory will start production within about a year.

WIRELESS EQUIPMENT

India imports every year radio goods (excluding radar equipment) of an approximate value of Rs. 2 crores. Apart from economic considerations this industry plays an important role in the defence programme of the country. The Government of India have therefore decided that a factory for the manufacture of radio equipment and radar (excluding domestic broadcast receivers) should be established by the State. Agreements have already been concluded with the Compagnie Generale De Telegraphie Sans Fil, France, and the Marconi Wireless and Telegraph Company, United Kingdom, for preparing a project report on the establishment of this factory. The report is expected in about six months.

SHIPBUILDING

Owing to the inability of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company to find the finance required for the development of the yard in Visagapatam, and in pursuance of the statement of Industrial policy, the Central Government decided to acquire this yard, develop it and run it through a public corporation. To advise the Government in assessing the value to be paid to the Scindia Company, and also to advise about the establishment of a new shipyard, a French firm of naval experts, Ateliers et Chantiers de la Loire, was appointed. Three representatives of this firm had been in India for some time, and have submitted a report which is under examination.

PENICILLIN FACTORY

It has been decided to establish a State factory for the production of these drugs at Bombay in collaboration with the Bombay Government. An agreement has been made with the Karnbolegat Boi-Chemical Industry Stockholm, Sweden, to supply technical advice in the design and construction of the factory. It is to be run by a statutory corporation, but as it will take some time for the corporation to come into being the work of implementing the scheme has been entrusted to a committee of management consisting of representatives of the Government of India and the Government of Bombay. The committee met recently, and are taking steps for the early establishment of the factory.

Details of a scheme for the establishment of a State factory for the manufacture of tractors are being worked out

THERMAL PLANTS

The Central, Provincial and State Governments have drawn up schemes for extensive electric power development, both hydro-electric and thermal To implement them it is estimated that between 1951 and 1955 the requirements of electrical power plant will be about 1.5 million k.w., or about 300,000 k.w. a year. It is estimated that the probable cost of plant required in this period will be about Rs. 50 crores. Inquiries show that manufacturers' capacity in Europe and America is not sufficient to meet their own requirements for the next ten years. The Government of India are exploring the possibility of setting-up a factory to make heavy electrical equipment with an annual capacity of 300,000 k.w. Agreements have been entered into with Associated Electrical Industries, of Britain, and the International General Electric Company, of the United States, for the preparation of project reports dealing with the facilities necessary for the proper location of the factory, improvements required in transport, capital cost involved, categories of plant to be manufactured, raw materials required, and production cost. The reports are expected to be ready by September.

MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY

The Ministry of Industry and Supply have been exploring the possibility of establishing a factory to make India self-sufficient in machine tools as soon as possible. Negotiations have been in progress for some time with the United Machine Tool Factory, National Corporation, Prague (Czechoslovakia) and latterly with the Oerlikon Machine Tool Works, Zurich (Switzerland), with a view to a technical assistance agreement for the manufacture of machine tools in five stages, to be completed in six years. In the first two stages the manufacture of high speed lathes, shaping machines, heavy duty drilling machines, milling machines and turret lathes would be undertaken; in the third and fourth stages, planing machines and grinding machines: and in the last stage patterns, jigs, tools and fixtures for the manufacture of tool room lathes and radial drilling machines. An agreement has now been reached with the Oerlikon Company, whose technical representatives are expected in India soon. The capital cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 12 crores, and the annual production of the factory is expected to be worth from Rs. 7 to 8 crores.

DIESEL ENGINE FACTORY

It is estimated that India will require 5,000 diesel engines for each of the next five years. This figure will rise considerably with the use of tractors in agriculture and the speeding of road and sea transport. The indigenous manufacture of diesel engines is negligible, and so far India has been meeting her demands mostly by imports from the United Kingdom, the United States, and Sweden. At present almost all the indigenous manufacturers have to import crank shafts, fuel injection equipment, pistons and piston rings. There is therefore scope for manufacturing complete diesel engines and accessories, and the Government of India are exploring the possibility of establishing such a State-owned factory at a total estimated cost of Rs. 10 crores. Negotiations are in progress with Dr. Carp. of the Steyr Works, Austria, for the preparation of a project report for the establishment of a diesel engine factory, and a machine tool repair shop. An offer from an Italian firm, Isotta-Fraschini, is also under consideration. The tractors, diesel engines and trucks ordered from this firm, to carry out field tests in India, have arrived, and arrangements have been made with the Ministries of Agriculture and Defence for conducting tests.

INDIAN EXPORTS TO U. K. DECLINE

Textile Machinery Leads In Import List

BOMBAY, Aug. 16, (P.T.I.): Increased trading between United Kingdom and India during the first six months of the current year is evident from the trade and navigation accounts of the U. K. released here today.

The total of all exports from U. K. to India during the period January to June 1949 amounted to £72,972,000 as against £38,708,000 for the corresponding period last year. Of these, for the current six monthly period, machinery accounted for £20,908,000; vehicles (including ships, aircraft and locomotives) £9,592,000; electrical goods and apparatus £5,816,000; and, chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours £7,232,000.

DECLINE IN EXPORTS

The total of all imports from India into the U. K., however, declined from £49,699,000 for the first half of last year to £46,120,000 for the same period of the current year. Imports of tea improved from £15,171,000 to £18,918,000, but jute manufactures and raw jute registered some decline.

In broad terms, capital goods from the U. K again formed a large proportion of total U. K. exports to India. British machinery was exported in larger quantities to India than to any other country. It comprised 15 per cent. of U. K.'s export of machinery to all countries, and the next best customer took a little over 9 per cent.

"TEXTILE" LEADS

Within the machinery group of exports to India, the largest proportion was taken up by textile machinery valued at £5.8 million, which was an increase of £1.5 million on the corresponding period of 1948.

On the import side, the trading picture was dominated by tea. Imports of tea were responsible for 41 per cent. of the total of all Indian exports to the U. K. There were appreciable increases in tobacco, hides and skins, and leather manufactures. Decreases occurred in exports of seeds and nuts for oils, raw jute and jute manufactures.

Karnatak Unification

HUBLI, Aug. 17—Mr. T. Subramannyam, President of the Mysore State Constituent Assembly expressed his firm belief in the unification of Karnatak with Mysore State. "If Karnataka accepts the Maharaja of Mysore as their constitutional head, there will be no body on earth who could stop us from realising our long cherished goal", he said.

Three persons were buried alive in Benaras under the debris of a house which collapsed on Monday night as the result of heavy rains.

MYSORE NEWSLETTER

DELAY IN USHERING IN NEW CONSTITUTION

Premier Counsels Patience

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

BANGALORE, (By Air Mail).

AFTER a fortnight's stay in Delhi Mr. K. C. Reddy, Chief Minister of Mysore who attended a conference convened by the Government of India of Rajpramukhs and Premiers of States and States Unions and held discussions with States Ministry Officials, addressed a press conference soon after his return to Bangalore.

At the outset he said that they were meeting at a historic period in the history of Mysore in that the Dewanship, which was in existence for well nigh seven decades had come to an end. "This is really a great event", he added.

Stating that Mysore had made steady progress towards democratic system of government, Mr. Reddy, traced the events leading to the formation of an Interim Ministry by Mysore State Congress and the formation of a Constituent Assembly for the State by a Royal Proclamation charged with the task of framing a constitution.

The Chief Minister then gave reasons for delay in ushering in new constitution for the State as due to a directive from the Ministry of States asking the Mysore Constituent Assembly to defer framing a constitution in view of a committee appointed by the Government of India to frame a Model Constitution for States in general. This, Mr. Reddy pointed out, a necessitated the interim arrangement to continue for a longer period than expected.

BY JANUARY

The Chief Minister continued that it was certain that the new constitution for India would be duly inaugurated on 26th, January, 1950. The Constitution for States had to be incorporated in the Indian Constitution itself and would also come into effect in January, 1950.

On the question of the Integration of State Forces, the Chief Minister said that it was intimately connected with the question of integration of State Finances and as such would come about together. Making it clear that final decision was reached in this regard, Mr. Reddy said, that the State might be allowed to retain some Forces for ceremonial occasions, even though they would be under the general control and discipline of the Indian army, but their finances would be borne by the State.

Mr. Reddy disclosed that the Government of India had a proposal before them that certain portion of administrative service in the States should be treated as on All-India basis. Personally he felt that such a kind of integration of administrative service was necessary in the best interests of the State.

Referring to the question of reshuffle in Mysore Ministry consequent on the abolition of the post of Dewan, the Chief Minister said, that such matters were more a party affair than entirely a Government affair. He added that the Maharaja of Mysore was pleased in his Proclamation dated 7th, August, 1949 announcing the abolition of the post of the Dewan to appoint him as the Chief Minister of the State and to take the place of Dewan.

Ministers holding Office now will be deemed to be in the Council of Ministers from here after also, said Mr. Reddy.

TOO MANY HOTELS

The Mysore City Municipal Council has adopted a resolution requesting the Mysore Government to empower the Council to restrict the number of hotels in the city, and with licensing authority to regulate the number of hotels in each Mohalla in the city.

At present Mysore has 144 'a' Class and 191 'b' Class hotels, which the Council thinks, are too many for the city. The Council has also decided on the non-renewal of licences to such hotels as are not adhering to the Health Rules. The Council has also resolved to request the Mysore District Deputy Commissioner to fix proper ceiling rates for preparations and meals in hotels.

Indian visitors to the United Kingdom and the United States of America, seeking interviews with the President, the Prime Minister or the Cabinet Ministers and making approaches to the State Department or the Foreign Office for the purpose, should arrange for the same through the Indian Missions in these places, according to a directive notification issued by the Mysore Government.

WOMAN WELFARE

With a view to study the conditions of work of women employees in the Government, State aided and private industrial concerns in the State and make recommendations to Government, the Government of Mysore have under contemplation the appointment of a Woman Welfare Officer, who will have provincial status.

The Government of Mysore have decided the creation of the office of Pro-Chancellor for the University of Mysore, it is authoritatively learnt here.

The creation of such a post, it is said, was suggested by Dr. C. R. Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University, who recently reviewed the working of the Mysore University and made recommendations for its future development. The recommendations of Dr. Reddi are now before the Government.

The Mysore Government, it is further learnt from authoritative sources, have offered the high post to Dr. Reddi himself.

It might be recalled here that the office of Pro-Chancellor for the University of Mysore was abolished after the death of His Late Highness Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar, Yuvaraja of Mysore (father of the present Maharaja of Mysore).

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

With the fitting of a habitation and all facilities afforded by the Government of Mysore, the Regional Office of the Rockefeller Foundation for Asia and Far East, now located at Shanghai, will be shifted to Bangalore shortly.

IMPORTS WITHIN LIMITS OF EXCHANGE RESOURCES

Inter-Ministerial Committee Preparing Programme

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17, (PTI): A high level inter-ministerial committee is drawing up a programme of imports within the limits of exchange resources available to India under the recent financial agreement with United Kingdom. The committee is expected to complete its work by the end of this month.

Revealing this in an interview Dr. John Matthai, Finance, Minister, emphasised today the need for extreme caution in placing orders abroad and said that he had impressed on the various ministries to exercise the strictest possible economy in the matter.

The programme of imports, Dr. Matthai said, was usually drawn up by an inter-ministerial committee consisting of all ministries of the Government—those principally concerned being the ministries of finance, commerce and industry and supply. The programme was then approved by the economic committee of the cabinet. The commerce ministry carried out the programme as it had the executive authority to do so.

MADE A MESS

Dr. Matthai deprecated suggestions that the commerce ministry had made "a mess by its frequent review of the open general licence policy" and that the situation was "saved" by the financial agreement he had concluded.

The programme of imports, he said, was dependent on exchange resources available and it was a subject for which, he as the finance minister, was primarily responsible. In January he found that the expenditure under the open general licence was running at a high level.

Dr. Matthai said that he had "expected that in view of the large unsatisfied demand in the country for imported articles, initially there would be an increase in the volume of imports but within a relatively short period the volume of imports would taper off.

"This expectation did not materialise. In February when the representatives of the joint consultative committee to review the working of the sterling balances agreement came here, we took up this matter with them in order to arrive at an agreement regarding further sterling releases.

Their reply was considerably delayed and it was not therefore until the beginning of May that we were in a position to take definite steps in the matter".

MADRAS ENQUIRY RESUMED

"We Cannot Hurry", Says Premier

MADRAS, Aug. 17 (PTI): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, today resumed the investigation of charges against some Ministers.

Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier, sat with Mr. Kumaraswami Raja in examining the official documents pertaining to the charges.

The Raja told pressmen that he could not say at this stage when exactly the investigation would conclude.

"In a matter like this, we cannot possibly hurry things", he said.

SALVATION THROUGH PLANTING TREES

Azad Delves Into Hindi History

NEW DELHI, August 17, (PTI): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, said here today that while Hindus had religious feelings towards certain trees, it had been enjoined on Muslims in their religious books not to cut fruit-bearing trees.

Maulana Azad, who was inaugurating the tree plantation week arranged by the Delhi Municipality by planting a "sars" trees in the Ajmal Park, said that apart from the consideration that trees added to the wealth of a country, planting of trees itself amounted to giving life to a soul.

He described how in ancient times a Peshwa ruler, in penance for a certain offence, was directed by Brahmins to plant fruit bearing trees.

FALLOW LAND FOR CULTIVATORS

Rajasthan Govt. Move: Postmen On Strike

(From Our Correspondent)

GWALOR, August 17.

The Government of Rajasthan has decided to give a loan of Rs. 1,700 per family of every refugee cultivator besides allocating fallow land. The loan is for the purpose of buying bullocks and seed.

Postmen in Gwalior have gone on strike in sympathy with eleven postmen who have been suspended.

The Truck Owners' Association has called off the strike which they had declared some days back. The call off is a sequel to an assurance given by the Home Minister that there will be no increase in the tax.

GREAT JOURNALIST AND PUBLISHER

Tributes To G. A Natesan

MADRAS, August 17 (PTI). Tributes to the late Mr. G. A. Natesan, Editor of the 'Indian Review' for his services to the country as a journalist, politician and patriot were paid at a public meeting convened by the Sheriff of Madras.

The Governor-General of India, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in a message on the occasion conveying his esteem for Mr. Natesan stated: "The reading public of India should be ever grateful to him for embalming the memories of our great men in well-written books which the poor man could buy."

"I believe," said Mr. Rajagopalachari," the first popular edition of the Gita with Dr. Besant's English translation was printed by Natesan, a service of which any printer and any Hindu may be proud and which any family may count as a great honour to be cherished as an heirloom".

The Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitharamayya described Mr. Natesan as "one of those early stalwarts that had built the foundations of Indian Nationalism".

REDS ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT MEETING

Eeleven Arrested

SALEM, August 17, (PTI): Twenty persons described as Communists made an attempt to disturb a public meeting held on Monday night at Tiruchengode, 30 miles from here, in celebrations of the second anniversary of independence, according to information received here.

Waving red flags and raising slogans, they took out a procession through the main streets of the town, and later were approaching the meeting place, when the police arrived and prevented them from doing so.

In the melee one person was injured. The police have arrested eleven persons on the charge of rioting.

DELHI REDS GIVE UP FAST

The three Communist detenus who have been on hunger strike in the Delhi District Jail for the last six days gave up their fast on Wednesday on the advice of Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta, member of the Constituent Assembly.

ELECTIONS IN SOUTH INDIA

Congress Scores Initial Success

MADRAS, Aug. 17 (PTI): So far 80 Congress candidates out of a total of 572 have been returned unopposed in the forthcoming elections to the eleven District Boards in Andhradesa.

In Tamilnad, 135 out of 547 Congress candidates have been returned unopposed.

The Dravida Kazahagam and the Muslim League parties are not contesting the election, but have permitted their members to stand on independent tickets. Socialists are contesting in certain districts.

The elections are based on the existing Assembly electoral rolls.

Gandhi Shield For Growing Potatoes

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17 (PTI)—A silver shield depicting Mahatma Gandhi with a charkha will be awarded to the grower of the largest quantity of sweet potato per acre in Delhi Province. This was announced by the Food and Agriculture Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram at a tree plantation ceremony in the village of Bhawana near Delhi yesterday.

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CALCUTTA HOLD-UP CASUALTIES

One More Death

CALCUTTA, Aug. 17 (PTI) The death of another "darwan" in hospital has brought the total casualties in last Thursday's armed hold-up in Serampore jute mill to four killed.

One "darwan" had died on the spot, and a police constable and a school master, who tried to apprehend three bandits at Balurati, a few miles from Serampore, were killed by the bandits

Seven young men, armed with sten guns and revolvers, had attacked the escorts of a van, carrying cash amounting to Rs. 1,55,000 at the mill gate They fired shots at random and succeed in driving away in the van. They however, abandoned the van at Rishra, a mile away.

Tracing the van later, the police recovered from it Rs. 77 000 and another Rs. 77,000 from three of the bandits apprehended by the police and the public at Baluhati, where both sides exchanged fire and a police constable and a school master were killed Apart from these three, who were injured and are now in hospital, another three bandits were caught by villagers in a paddy field, and a motor driver, alleged to have driven the van from the mill gate with the men, was arrested in a village in 24-Parganas

Nehru Visiting Punjab

SIMLA, Aug. 17 (PTI)—The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will pay a three-day visit to East Punjab commencing from September 3, it was officially learned here today.

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Sunrise 6-21 a m Sunset 7-5 p.m
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Today's Engagements

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY. Meeting of Senate Noon.

MUNICIPALITY Corporation Meeting 3-40 p.m

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Third Quarterly Meeting of Chamber, Industrial Assurance Building, 4 30 p.m

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY Exhibition of paintings by Master Dev. Das (a 15 year old boy) will be opened at 6-15 p.m., at the Society's salon Mr R V Leyeden will introduce the painter

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS (GOA) Public meeting at Cama Oriental Hall on the third anniversary of founding of the Congress. Mr. Joachim Alva will preside, 6-30 p.m.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL Condolence meeting re. Mrs M. P. S Talyarkhan, Town Hall 5 p.m

GAUDIYA MISSION. Gowalia Tank, Shir Nandotsava, Lectures and Kirtan, 5-30 p.m., onwards.

Y M C A. BRAINS TRUST, 6-30 p.m. Panel: Dr. S. G. Panandikar (Q M), Mrs Mithan Lam and Dr. Rustom J. Manekshah.

NEW-BORN BABIES ABANDONED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Instances of newly born children being abandoned under mysterious circumstances are becoming more and more common in the city. During this week alone, the Police reported three such cases to the city Coroner.

The dead body of a child was found lying in the G S. Medical College ground on Tuesday afternoon. The body was in a highly decomposed condition having been eaten away by vultures. On the same day the Kingsway Police recovered the dead body of a male child from a grassy bush near the Koliwada Road.

On Monday the Mahim Police detected the body of a nine-month-old female child near a culvert on the Harbour Branch railway line between Mahim and Ging's Circle. The child was found bundled in a gunny bag, its mouth being gagged. There were no other visible marks of injury on the body.

Withdrawal Of Hunger-Strike By B.E.S.T. Workers

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A press note issued by:—B. E. S T. Workers' Union says: A special meeting of the General Council of the Union held tonight prevailed upon the President Mr. Parasnath Pande and other hunger striking employees of the B. E. S. T. to withdraw their four day-old hunger strike. The hunger Strike will be terminated tomorrow morning. This decision was taken in accordance with the overwhelming wishes of the 9,000 B E S T. employees and in the light of the assurances given today by Mr. Ashok Mehta and Mr. M. Harris The meeting was addressed by Mr Harris

TIRUPUR, Aug. 17 (PTI): Mr. Nachimuthu Gownder, Municipal Councillor of Tirupur was found dead recently near the traveller's bungalow here. Foul play is suspected.

Mr. Gownder, who was a prominent Congress worker, recently resigned his vice-Presidentship of the local Town Congress Committee and his membership of the Congress and joined the Socialist Party.

OFFERINGS of *LOVE* AND *LYRICS*

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N. 20014	DO SADION KE BAAD / CHAMAK RAHA HAI	DEEWALI	BARSAT (MEERA)	HARI AWAN KI KEYA JANE / BADARYA — N. 20078
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THIRTY BIHAR VILLAGES UNDER WATER

Vast Area Laid To Waste

BIHAR SHARIF, Aug. 17 (PTI).

ABOUT one thousand bighas of arable land have been reduced to barren waste by silt deposits in Bihar Sharif sub-division of the Patna District, due to floods in the rivers Irain, Barain, Kumhari, Sahari Panchanam Soila and Goithawa.

The floods caused by heavy rain have affected more than 30 villages and about 20,000 people in Bihar Kund and Asthawan Thanas alone. Over 30 000 bighas of land were transformed into a vast sheet of water during the recent heavy rains. The villages of Maluabigha and Gonda flanking the river Irai are the worst affected.

The village of Tonsa in Bihar Thana is still under chest deep water. The paddy crops there have been completely destroyed. The Bihar Asthawan Road has been breached at four points.

The Low lying lands between Bukhtiarpur and Chera in Barh Subdivision area is also submerged under flood waters of the rivers Mahaney, Mahatmain and Dhanain.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO CHEAT GOVT.

Merchant And 2 Others Arrested

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A merchant in rubber goods, his customs 'dalal' and an appraiser, attached to the Government of India's Customs Department have been taken into custody by the city police for an alleged conspiracy to cheat the Government of customs revenue.

The conspiracy, which, it is stated, has been suspected to have been in existence for a long time, has been liquidated with the arrest of these men, the police claim.

The particular incident which led to to the arrests was the alleged passing by the Customs official of 346 cases of rubber soles, consigned from Colombo as 'non-dutiable', which resulted in a loss of revenue to Government estimated between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 18,000.

It is stated that Nazirali Sheoji, a city merchant and his customs 'dalal', Damodar Sharmalkar entered into a conspiracy with Marol Nissar Hussein Syed, an appraiser in the Bombay Docks, to smuggle goods out of the docks eluding the payment of due customs levy. The customs intelligence suspected that something fishy was going on and after making its own investigations sought the help of the Bombay police.

The Yellow Gate police took charge of the case and first arrested Sheoji and Sharmalkar. Yesterday they completed the chain by arresting Nissar Hussein Syed.

Further investigations are in progress.

THE WEATHER

POONA, August 17. (P. T. I.): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from June 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I S. T.). on August 17.:—

Ahmedabad 90 78 0 18.3 minus 3.1, Ammednagar 84 — — — —, Ajmer 88 77 0 14.6 plus 2.0, Akola 86 75 0 23.4 plus 4.3, Bangalore 82 66 0.7 20.2 plus 10.9, Baroda 90 78 0 17.1 minus 6.6, Belgaum 76 68 0.1 16.8 minus 15.1, Bhopal 8 p.c. 74 0 20.9 minus 12.6, Bhuj 89 77 0 16.5 plus 7.1, BOMBAY 87 77 0.2 52.4 plus 0.8, Calcutta 93 81 0 28.5 minus 3.0, Darjeeling 63 58 1.6 17.1 plus 4.8, Delhi 92 81 0 22.1 plus 7.6, Hyderabad (Dn.) 86. 18 0 13.7 plus 0.3, Jaipur 91 75 0 13.2 minus 0.9, Jubbulpore 79 75 0.1 30.1 minus 6.7, Kolhapur 79 — — — —, Lucknow 80 79 0.9 29.7 plus 6.4, Madras 95 80 0 9.9 plus 2.0, Mahabaleshwar 65 63 1.0 139.1 minus 56.2, Mussoorie — 61 0.2 38.9 minus 13.9, Nagpur 85 76 T 35.3 plus 6.0, Ootacacamund 63 53 0.1 12.9 minus 6.0, Patna 78 5.3 39.4 plus 13.9, Poona 82 71 T 7.3 minus 6.1, Rajkot 89 77 0 19.6 plus 1.9, Shillong 75 66 0.1 30.2 minus 9.5, Sholapur 87 — — — —, Simla 69 59 0.1 31.6 minus 1.7, Surat 87 78 T 21.8 minus 8.8, Vizagzatatam 94 80 0 6.4 minus 4.7.

The following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, the August 17:—

The monsoon has been active in the region extending from the south-west United Provinces and the north Central Provinces to Assam. Rainfall has also been widespread along the west coast and occurred locally in Orissa. Scattered heavy falls are reported from West Bengal, Chota Nagpur and the west United Provinces.

FORECAST UNTIL THE EVENING OF 18TH:—The monsoon will be strong in the United Provinces, Vindhya Pradesh and the northern districts of Madhya Bharat.

Widespread rain is also likely in Assam, sub-Himalayan, West Bengal, Chota Nagpur, the East Punjab hills, the north Central Provinces and along the west coast of the peninsula. Rainfall will decrease in Gangetic West Bengal and Bihar.

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING:—Locally heavy rain is likely in the United Provinces and in near Vindhya Pradesh during the next 48 hours.

Trouble Breaks Out In City Restaurant

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

One man was seriously injured and a few others received minor injuries in an altercation that took place between two rival groups this morning near a restaurant at the Ibrahim Rahimtoola Road.

The altercation arose over a monetary transaction between the hotel keeper and some people of the locality. The injured man has been admitted into the hospital.

GREATER BOMBAY SCHEME

Provisions Of Draft Bill

(From Our Correspondent.)
ANDHERI, August 17.

A clear picture of the extent of the Greater Bombay Scheme is now available in the draft Bill to amend the Bombay City Municipal Act of 1888 which has been submitted to the Government by the Municipal Commissioner The Government has referred this bill to their legal advisers who are looking into its provisions before it is submitted to the legislature

As a first stage in the inmplementation of the scheme, the areas falling under the jurisidiction of the existing municipalities of Bandra, Andheri-Vile Parle, Juhu., Kurla, Ghatkoper and those falling under the District Local Board, the village Punchayet of Chembur and Versova each Committee will be included within the jurisidiction of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

The area admeasures 62 sq. miles and follows practically the boundries of the Greater Bombay Police and High Court jurisidiction except in the North where it extends a little further north so as to conform to the first stage of the Master Plan proposed or to the entire area upto Bessein Greek. There are on the—population basis, one seat for in the jurisidiction of the Greater Bombay Corporation. According to the bill, the representation is given on the—population babis, one seat for every 14,000 population as in the—city of Bombay.

SPECIAL DEPUTY

Under one of the provisions of the proposed bill, the suburban area will be put under the charge of a special Deputy Commissioner on a salary ranging from Rs. 1,200 to 1,500 per month It is expected that the choice for the new post will fall on Mr. B. V. Mody one of the Corporation's urbs and is well acquainted with its Deputy Commissioners, Mr. Mody has been an old resident of the Suburbs and is well acquainted with its need and requirements.

As a result of this amalgamation, the District Local Board whose headquarters are now at Andheri will disappear as all the villages beyond Jogeshwari are now merged in Borivli taluka which has been made a taluka of the Thana District.

PRESIDENTS CONFER

The Conference of Presidents of the suburban municipalities convened by Mr A. S. Parikh, President of the Parel-Andheri Municipal Board last week-end was not well attended. Mr. Parikh in his opening speech while welcoming the Greater Bombay Scheme, complained that adequate representation had not been given to the suburbs on the Greater Bombay Corporation.

He suggested that a joint memorandum on behalf of all the suburban municipalities and other local bodies should be forwarded to the government setting forth their requirements and urging adequate representation and prior consultation on the provisions of the bill before it was formally brougst before the legislature.

Mr. Framroz Mehta on behalf of the Versova Bench Committee and Mr A. B. Nair on behalf of the Juhu Municipality also spoke supporting the view point of the chairman. Ultimately it was decided to call a further meeting next Saturday.

TIT FOR TAT IN ASSAM

Women Police To Deal With Women

GAUHATI, Aug. 17 (PTI): A woman police force will be raised by the Provincial Government in Asam it is learnt here today.

This was decided upon following the participation by a certain section of women in violent action to further the activities of political parties to which they owe their allegiance.

The women police force will be raised speedily to deal effectively with such cases.

It will be recalled that during the disturbances in Dibrugharh on July 16 and 17 last in which a police sub-inspector was murdered and the police opened fire to disperse a riotous mob, some women placed themselves in between the police and the mob, and prevented the police in their work.

CONCESSION TO CLOTH DEALERS

RAJKOT, August 17 (PTI): The Government of Saurashtra have decided to lift control, provisionally, over sale and distribution of fine and superfine cloth tex-marked July or earlier throughout the State from tomorrow.

"AA", licence holders, distributing rationed cloth and "B" licence holders who were upto now distributing coarse and medium cloth of Saurashtra mills, will be allowed to sell such cloth till further notice.

Profit at the rate of 13 per cent will be allowed on fine and superfine cloth and twelve and half percent on medium and coarse varieties above the ex-mill price.

RADIO

THURSDAY, Aug. 18.

BOMBAY—A

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee Ahmed Dilawar (Geet) 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram 7-45 V. K. Kunte (Bhajan Bhairavi) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Dilip Kumar Gujarati Geet 8-45 News (G) 12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 12-50 Dilip Kumar (Bhajan) 1-0 News (G) 1-10 As in Bombay B 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music 5-0 R. K. Phatak (Bhajan) 5-15 V. K. Kunte (Tilang) 5-30 As in Bombay B 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Thumri 6-30 V. K. Kunte (Jayat) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Bhajans 7-30 R. K. Phatak (Bhajan) 7-45 Violin Recital 8-0 Dilip Kumar Gujarati Geet 8-15 News (G) 8-30 As in Bombay B 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 As in Bombay B 10-0 Muriel Henschen Soprano 10-15 New York Phil. Sym. Orchestra Zinski 10-30 Mehli Mehta (Violin).

BOMBAY—B

7-30 a.m. As in Bombay A 7-45 News (K) 8-0 Tarabai Gadagkar (Bhairavji Bahar) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 R. K. Phatak (Bibhas) 12-45 p.m. As in Bombay A 12-50 News (M) 1-0 Ahmed Dilawar Ghazal (Siraj) 1-10 Bhavgeeten 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Vanita Mandal (M) 4-20 As in Bombay A 5-30 Children's Half-Hour 6-0 E. R. Prabhu (Violin) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners report: 7-15 As in Bombay A 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Ahmed Dilawar Geet 8-30 Sports review (G) by Jayant Desai 8-45 "Atpato Case" Roopak in Gujarati by Dhansukhlal Mehta: 9-0 Tarabai Gadagkar (Sabana Kanada) 9-30 records selected and produced by V. K. Dubey 9-45 Food For All (Talk in English). 10-0 Bade Ghulam Ali Khan Bhoopali Aur Yaman Kalyan.

BARODA: AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Morning Variety 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Chandrakant Mazumdar Khayal Vilambit and Drut 8-45 News (G) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Mishra-Mand (by Air Quartet) 6-25 Kusum Karandikar (light vocal music) 6-35 Gramjano Mate (From Baroda only) 6-35 Majurbhaiyo Mate (From Ahmedabad) 7-0 Chitra Srushti 7-15 "Khorak Ane Ghascharo" 7-30 Kusum Karandikar Drut Khayal 7-45 Master Gordhanbhai Rangabhoominan Geeto 8-0 Khan 8-10, Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Listeners' requests (by Bhikhu Munshi) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Vividh Geeto 9-30 "Krishna Charitra" Marathi Music and production by R. D. Ambegaonkar 9-30 Master Gordhanbhai (Gujerati Geeto) 10-0 Talimkhan Razaq Hussain (Ghazal and Geet) 10-15 Chandrakant Mazumdar (Vocal)

Independence Day Rains Hold Up Trains

RAJKOT, Aug. 17 (PTI): Train services between Hardwar and Rushikesh on the East Indian Railway was suspended yesterday following breaches at four places on the line due to heavy and continuous rainfall in the area on Independence Day.

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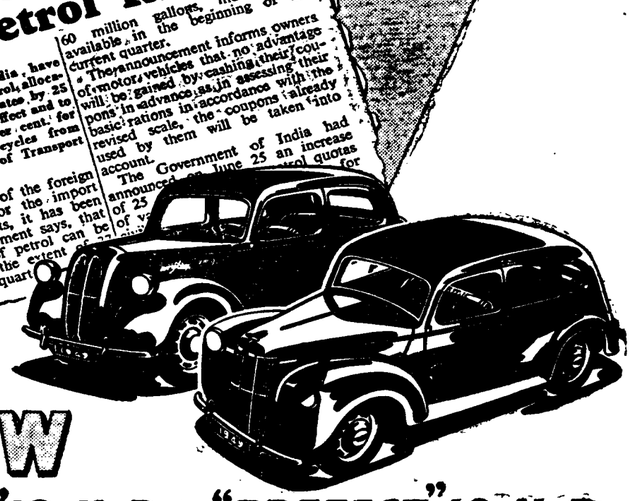
Following a review of the foreign exchange provision for the import of petroleum products, it has been found, the announcement says, that civil consumption of petrol can be permitted only to the extent of [illegible] million gallons per quarter.
60 million gallons, indicated as available in the beginning of the current quarter.
The announcement informs owners of motor vehicles that no advantage will be gained by cashing their coupons in advance as in accordance with the basic rations already in revised scale, the coupons already used by them will be taken into account.
The Government of India had announced [illegible] June 25 an increase of 25 [illegible] for

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Pakistan Puts New Duties On Indian Cloth

KARACHI, Aug 17 (UPI) Pakistan has imposed new duties on Indian cloth, says a Gazette notification of Pakistan, published last night.

A duty of 18 per cent 'ad-valorem' has been imposed on Indian printed piece-goods whose landed cost is Rs 1-8-0 or less per square yard and duty of 15 per cent 'ad-valorem' on grey and other piece-goods from India whose landed cost is Rs 1-8-0 or less per square yard A duty of 36 and 30 per cent 'ad-valorem' has been imposed on Indian piece-goods and other piece-goods respectively whose landed cost exceeds Rs 1-8-0

The Pakistan Government have lifted the control on the prices, movement and distribution of Indian and Pakistan mill-made cloth.

While abolishing the import duty on yarn from all sources, the Pakistan Government have reduced the import duty on piece-goods from other countries excluding U. K., to 36 per cent 'ad-valorem' on printed piece-goods and 30 per cent on others

The excise duty on Pakistan mill-made cloth has been reduced to five per cent

CREATE AN ASIAN BALLET COMPANY

Ram Gopal's Suggestion To Ceylon Government

COLOMBO, August 16 (P T I-Reuter): Ram Gopal, the world famous dancer, has made the suggestion here that Ceylon should have a State Opera House like the one at Covent Garden in London or the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

A State Opera House, he said, would enable eminent artists to give performances and thereby make Colombo an East-West centre of art.

Ram Gopal also strongly advocated the creation of an Asian Ballet Company drawn from Ceylon, India and other Eastern countries He said such a company should be formed to tour the Western world, which was showing an ever-increasing liking for an appreciation of Oriental dancing.

Four Yugoslav Royalists Sentenced

BELGRADE, August 16, (UPA): Four high ranking royalists, including two regents of pre-war Yugoslavia, were sentenced by a Belgrade District Court tonight to hard labour and prison terms from 11 to 18 years.

Following a three-day trial the court handed the following verdicts:

Dr. Radenko Stankovic, 69, one of the three regents from 1934 to 1941 during ex-King Peter's minority –12 years' hard labour

Dr Ivo Perovic 77, another regent—11 years

Milan Antic, 57, Minister of Royal Palace—15 years.

Dr. Danielo Gregoric, 40, former editor of Belgrade Vreme—18 years.

All were convicted of making Yugoslavia an economic vassal of Germany, helping finance the German war effort and being advisers to Regent Prince Paul.

In addition, Gregoric was convicted for being a colleborator and paid Nazi agent

Typhoon Hits Japan: 8 Killed

TOKYO, August 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Eight people were killed and more than 30 are missing as a result of the typhoon which swept the southern tip of Japan on Monday night and early yesterday The typhoon which bypassed Okinawa Island in the Pacific on Saturday split into two before reaching the Japanese coast and brought heavy rains which are now causing floods.

EVACUEE PROPERTY IN PAKISTAN

Karachi Conference Considers Changes In Legislation

KARACHI, Aug. 16, (P.T.I.-Reuter).

A CONFERENCE of officials of the Central and Provincial Governments considered today suggestions for amending the existing legislation on the treatment of evacuee property and the rehabilitation of refugees in Pakistan.

A press note issued by the Ministry of Refugees and Rehabilitation, Government of Pakistan, today stated:

The Government of Pakistan have decided to consider applications for exemption from the operation of the Pakistan (Dealings in Immovable Evacuee Property Ordinance, 1949 XI of 1949) with a view to enabling necessary registration of applications for the exchange of urban immovable evacuee property in West Punjab, Sind, federal capital, Karachi, N.W.F.P. and Baluchistan (including states which have acceded to Pakistan but excluding unadministered agency areas) and in the states of Bahawalpur and Khairpur, with such urban immovable property as is treated to be evacuee property under the law for the time being in force in India and is situated in any of the following areas, namely:

The provinces of East Punjab, Ajmer Merwara, province of Himachal Pradesh, the districts of Saharanpur, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar in U P, the Patiala and East Punjab States Union, the states of Bharatpur, Alwar and Bikaner, Dholpur and Karauli States (now included in the Matsya Union) the Rajasthan Union, Saurashtra (as both these unions stood on 22-7-48), and the states of Jaipur and Jodhpur.

Such applications, giving full details of the properties to be exchanged along with copies of agreements and other necessary documents, should be deposited with assistant custodians of evacuee property of the area in which the property is situated in Pakistan on or before August 31, 1949. The Government of Pakistan are issuing instructions to all the assistant custodians to receive such appplications and issue receipt for them. No application in this regard will be accepted after August 31, 1949. The persons whose applications along with copies of necessary documents are received on August 31, 1949 will be informed of further procedure in this regard through a press note

THE MOON (REAL) ON THE SCREEN!

LONDON, August 17 (UPI): The British Broadcasting Corporation will televise the moon with a commentary next month, something unique, yet attempted anywhere else in the world.

This new aspect of popular astronomy depends upon some experiments that are being carried on in the Alexandra Palace with an astronomy camera and a radio camera to see they work together.

With a clear sky and favourable weather, chances are high that sections of the moon, much enlarged, will appear on London screens.

Charged For Attempting To Smuggle Diamonds

SEATTLE, Aug. 17, (UPA). Sergeant Oliver Jackson of the United States Army was charged Tuesday with attempting to smuggle diamonds, rubies and pearls hidden in powder-puff into the country from Japan.

He was taken into custody after information was received from the Eighth Army Headquarters in Japan. Customs agents said the powderpuff contained seven diamonds, seven rubies and two pearls.

GERMAN INDOLOGIST VISITING INDIA

BREMEN, Aug. 17 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Alfred Nawrath, former Director of the Bremen Museum, has been invited by the Indian Government to study for six months in India.

Dr. Nawrath an anti-Nazi is famed for his books on Indian religious and population problems which he proposes to examine again during his forthcoming journey. He will also study Indian industrial and medical developments.

Ships For Pakistan

KARACHI, Aug. 17 (UPI): The British ships, H.M.S. "Offa" and H.M.S. "Ownslow" will be handed over to the Royal Pakistan Navy at the end of September and they will be renamed H.M.P.S. "Tariq" and H.M.P.S. "Tippu Sultan", respectively.

These two ships are at present being refitted and repaired at Ravenport. They will sail for Karachi under Pakistan command.

SABOTAGE IN JAP RAILWAY

Train Derailed

TOKYO, Aug. 17 (PTI-Reuter): Three train crewmen were killed early today on a Tokyo bound express train about 200 miles north of the capital when the engine overturned while rounding a curve. Train wreckers had pulled out 25 spikes holding the rails to the sleepers, police said. Carriages were derailed, but passengers were uninjured.

Yugoslavs Attack Greek Guerillas

LONDON, August 16, (PTI-Reuter): The Free Greek (Guerilla) Radio alleged tonight that Yugoslavs had attacked Greek Guerillas near Vatsi, Northern Greece, the radio claimed that the Yugoslavs fired on the Guerillas from the rear and flank.

Athen's radio reported tonight that Greek Guerillas who had fled to Yugoslavia after the battle of Korona had been disarmed and interned.

The radio added "this leads to the belief that the Yugoslav Government may indeed hold to its promise to close the frontier and prevent the bandits who had sought refuge in Yugoslavia from returning to Greece."

Tirana Radio reported tonight that the Albanian Government has appealed to the United Nations to restore order and maintain peace on the Greco-Albanian Frontier.

The radio listed alleged violations of Albanian territory by Greek Government troops.

'Albanian soldiers will know how to keep the Greek Monarcho-Fascists out of their territory, as they have done before" the radio stated.

75 Television Stations In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17—Seventy-five television stations were operating commercially in the United States in July, serving 43 marking areas with a total population of about 57,700,000.

A report just issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce points out that permits have been granted for the construction of 42 additional television outlets, 16 of which are scheduled for completion this year. These 16 stations will serve 12 additional marketing areas with a combined population of about 5,100,000.

Noting that in July an estimated total of 1,856,600 receiving sets were in operation in the country, the report says that television advertising is destined to create new desires and needs and will help industry move a far greater volume of goods than even before.—USIS .

RUSSIANS BUILD ROCKET BOMB BASES?

German Expert's Report

HAMBURG, Aug. 17, (UPA): A German rocket expert said today that the Russians are building a network of V-2 rocket bomb bases pointed at Western Europe. The expert, who asked that his name be withheld, has just reached Western Germany after three years of alleged forced service with the Russians, including a recent visit to the "Soviet Central Institute for V-Bomb Development" in Moscow.

American Intelligence sources in Frankfurt said they had received reports of secret Russian activities in Eastern Germany, especially along the Baltic coast, but had no specific information on the installation of rocket launching sites.

The expert said he formerly worked as a V-2 expert for the German army in the Bleicherode Works in Thuringia and was taken to Russia with other German technicians in 1946. He said he escaped when he was sent to Eastern Germany last month for a brief vacation.

His vacation orders told him to report to Peenemende, former German V-weapon experiment station which, he said, the Russians are preparing to rebuild. "I had an opportunity to look into certain files which reported on the strategic planning of V-2 bomb bases in Eastern Germany", he said.

MANY PLANS

The expert added that "the files stated that a number of Russian commissions already were working on necessary preparations to bring the V-2 bomb bases into action on a few minutes' notice. Plans for both stationary and mobile bases for one and three batteries have been placed all over Eastern Europe. Each of them is supplied with all necessary calculations for firing orders, ballistic statements etc., for designated territory in Western Europe".

He said that five single-battery bases had been completed and that six three-battery bases were under construction.

The completed bases, he said, are:

Firstly, between Neustrelitz and Penzlin, aimed at southern Sweden.

Secondly, between Anklam and Wolgart, aimed at southern Sweden.

Thirdly, south of Erfurt in Thuringia State, aimed at the Rhine River bridgeheads near Cologne, Dusseldorf and the Scheldt River estuary.

Fourthly, near Guben, aimed at the northern part of Ruegen, a Baltic island just off the coast of the Soviet zone of Germany and a possible landing point for Western power invaders.

Fifthly, east of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, aimed at the Brenner Pass between Austria and Italy.

FIRING ORDERS

The expert said that three of the bases now under construction were within a 20-mile radius of Stettin, Poland, with firing orders covering the German Bay island of Syit and the Dutch coast. He added that three more were being built near Hradec-Kralove, Czechoslovakia, to cover the Balkan countries and the Adriatic coast. According to this source, the Russians also were experimenting with mobile-firing stations mounted on "FMS trains" like those used by the Germans in World War II.

The source said that these mobile stations were less effective because ballistic and other calculations were constantly changing. He said that reconstruction of the V-weapon station at Peenemuende, which was bombed out by the Allies, already had started. Reports reaching Hamburg from the island of Usedom, seat of the station, indicate that Germans on the island have been ordered to leave.

ONE WAY TRAFFIC IN TRADE

Sterling Talks With Japs

TOKYO, August 17. (P.T.I.): Reuter): Sterling area negotiators meeting General Douglas MacArthur's trade advisers in Tokyo have concentrated so far solely on what Japan will buy from the sterling area and not on what the sterling countries will buy from Japan, an official spokesman stated today.

The spokesman said the sterling team (among which India is included) were determined to work out a balanced trade arrangement whereby sterling countries would not spend a single dollar on Japanese goods. This could be done by increasing Japan's imports from the sterling area.

British Woman Globe Trotter Warned

WASHINGTON, August 16, (U.P.A.): The Air Force today warned Mrs. Morrow Tait of the hazards and operation difficulties involved in a flight from Greenland to Iceland in a single engine plane.

The Air Force at Bluie West I, Greenland, advised the headquarters here that the British woman, who is attempting to fly around the world in a light plane, plans to attempt the seven-hour Greenland-Iceland flight Wednesday.

The headquarters here requested the Bluie West I Commanding Officer to point out to the flier the "hazards and operation difficulties which might be encountered on such a flight."

SECOND RESIGNATION OVER MALTA CRISIS

Premier Opens Discussions With British Government

LONDON, Aug. 16 (PTI-Reuter):—Second resignation over Malta's "ultimatum" to the British Government came tonight when Mr. Edward Ellul, Commissioner General in London, told Premier Paul Boffa, his "mollification" of Britain was against the Island's interests.

M. Dom Mintoff, Malta's Deputy Premier and Minister of Reconstruction, resigned yesterday.

A Maltese delegation, headed by Dr. Boffa is in London for talks on Britain's decision to withhold renewal of £300,000 in food subsidies to Malta and the British Admiralty's dismissal of 1,200 dockyard workers.

The Maltese delegation also alleged the British Government refused permission for Malta to apply for Marshall Aid.

The delegation came to London with a threat that "grave steps" would have to be taken unless Britain gave an adequate reply to Malta's demands.

The British Government refused to open discussions under duress and Dr. Boffa withdrew the "ultimatum".

Dr. Boffa is the only man left to carry on the talks with the British Government.

Egyptian Minister Resigns

CAIRO, August 17, (PTI-Reuter): Ahmed K. Ashaba Pasha, Egyptian Liberal Minister of Justice, has resigned after differences in the Government over foreign policy, it was officially announced last night.

Another Liberal, Ahmed Alluba Bey was appointed in his place.

Khashaba Pasha was formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs and Head of the Egyptian Delegation to the United Nations.

Bradley Is Now Highest Military Officer In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (PTI-Reuter): General Omar Bradley today took over America's highest military post, as Chairman of the United States' Joint Chief of Staff.

"OPERATION BASTILLE" IN INDO-CHINA

Race For Control Of Tongking

SINGAPORE, August 16 (PTI-Reuter): French forces in Indo-China have begun an offensive to regain control of the strategic north-east Tongking areas before the Chinese Communist armies reach the frontier, it was learned here today from a usually reliable source.

First phase of the offensive—known as "Operation Bastille"—was said to be aimed at driving the Communist-led Vietminh troops (Indo-Chinese autonomists) from the Red River Delta area and the plains.

The French plan is to hunt the Vietminh troops from the rich rice producing area into mountainous country in an effort to re-establish economic stability in Tongking and to relieve pressure on the border from Langson to Moncay, just off the coast.

The operations are expected to gain force after the rains stop in October.

At present, most of the border areas are dominated by the Vietnam army and the French have to supply their isolated defence posts on the frontier from the air.

Narrow defended corridors link the main centres.

The Vietnam forces are estimated to number between 60 and 80 thousand, while the French forces have been increased to nearly 150,000 by recent reinforcements.

A competent observer who has just returned from the scene of fighting near Hanoi said the arrival of "considerable French reinforcements" had made possible the formation for the first time of specially trained combat groups.

Hitherto, the assault troops were men temporarily withdrawn from garrison duties for special missions.

As the position eased in Cochin-China more troops were also being released to fight in the north, he said.

"Operation Bastille" according to the observer, has already resulted in a lessening of pressure on the border areas, presumably because Vietminh troops have been taken away to meet the threat further south.

A new route between Hanoi and the important port of Haiphong has been opened up, a section of the vital Hanoi-Langson supply road has been won back from the Vietminh in the last few weeks, and French troops are mopping up near the coal mines at Phu Lang Thwong, the correspondent added.

A force of fighting planes which has just arrived in Saigon is expected to be thrown into the battle within the next few months.

The small French Air Force in Indo-China has also been reinforced with Junker freighters for supply-dropping.

Official sources in French Indo-China are reported to be greatly encouraged by the fact that local inhabitants are now remaining in the towns and villages when French troops move in instead of fleeing with the Vietminh.

KHAGUL, August 16 (PTI): The Dinapore Friends Club moved in the second stage of the game in the Burnard shield tournament by defeating Indian Institute Jansjha, by one goal to nil.

Air Force For Ceylon

COLOMBO, Aug. 16 (PTI-Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Senanayake, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence and External Affairs, has presented a bill in the House of representatives to provide for the raising and maintenance of an Air Force for Ceylon.

It is not intended for the present to raise a regular Air Force, the proposal is to have a volunteer air force and to have a few planes for training purposes.

The Air Force Bill follows closely the Arky Bill of Ceylon:

THEY DEFENDED KASHMIR

SRINAGAR, Aug. 17 (PTI).—At an impressive parade here yesterday a shield with a silver replica of a cheenar leaf mounted on it was presented to a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles for the meritorious services rendered by the unit in defence of Kashmir Valley during the last 21 months of its service here.

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SCIENCE IN INDIA HAS COME INTO ITS OWN

Dr. Bhatnagar On Progress In Two Years

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 17 (PTI.)—The rapid advance made by India in the field of scientific research and development in the last two years was explained by Dr. S. S. Bhatanagar, leader of the India delegation to the United Nations Scientific Conference on utilisation of resources here today, cables D. P. Wagle, PTI representative at U.N. Headquarters.

The Indian delegation, which includes experts in the various branches of science with which the conference will deal during the next three weeks, met newsmen in the first press conference to be given by a scientific delegation attending the conference.

Dr. Bhatanagar said that India was greatly interested in the scientific conference and had sent a strong delegation. Science in India, he added, had "come into its own" since India became independent. The Government of India was giving great importance to science in the solution of the various problems confronting that country, particularly meeting the deficit in food, which was India's urgent need.

Dr. Bhatanagar gave details of what the Government of India had done and proposed to do in its drive to make India selfsufficient in food by 1951. Steps had been taken, he said, to improve the productivity of arable areas, to bring new land under active cultivation and to tackle the menace of soil erosion. Foods that could substitute for rice, such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, tapioca and groundnuts, were being encouraged.

India's main deficit in food, Dr. Bhatanagar said, was in cereals and she had to make a lee way of about 10 per cent to be self-sufficient.

To this end, a number of large-scale river valley projects were being planned in various parts of India.

When completed, the reservoirs would irrigate 25 million acres of new land in addition to the 50 million already under irrigation. Of the new projects, the Damodar Valley, Bhakra, Nirakud (Mahanadi) and Tungabhadra schemes were already under way.

A scientific and research department had been established directly under Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and it co-ordinated all scientific activity in India.

Dr. Bhatanagar gave details of plans to increase food by developing deep sea fishing and through intensive fish farming in lowly areas by the rivers and sea.

"A large number of Indian scientists are being trained in America and in Europe in order to take part in the development of Indian science and industries" he said. "Most of these scientists are being trained in American universities and research institutes. The Government of India has also engaged the services of eminent American scientists and technologists to direct some of India's national laboratories".

FOOD DEFICIT CAUSED BY LACK OF LABOUR

Expert Suggests Rise In Price To Boost Production

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug 17 (PTI-Reuter)—Australian Industrial expert, Queensland Bureau of Industry, told Dr. Colin Clark, Director of the the United Nations Scientific Conference on the conservation and utilisation of resources here today that the chronic cause of the world food shortage is lack of labour, rather than shortage of land. The answer to the problem, according to him, is higher food prices.

Dr. Clark, who is making a special survey for the Food and Agricultural Organisation, said he was hopeful that the world could keep pace with the growing demand for food if the problem were tackled the right way. Modern man had shown himself capable of scientific improvement of agricultural technique sufficient to raise output for man by one and a half per cent a year.

With the world's population increasing at the rate of one per cent a year, the problem was by no means insoluble.

FLIGHT FROM LAND

Dr. Clark declared that in this theory, the most important condition was the need to maintain a rural labour force. "In nearly every country a flight from the land has been taking place and shows every sign of continuing and, indeed accelerating", he said.

"Up to now, we have been fed by the underpaid labour of peasants and farm labourers throughout the world. "A new generation of countrymen is growing up who are not prepared to remain at their work, unless they can see in it economic opportunities comparable to those of the urban population."

Apart from a redistribution of population to the least exploited rural areas, there was only one course open, Dr. Clark said. That was to allow agricultural prices to rise in relation to industrial prices to a point where they could offer to the farmer an income sufficient to induce him and his children to remain on the land.

Declaring that the relative rise in the price of farm products would have to be sustained, Dr. Clark estimated that by 1980 this price would be about 70 per cent higher than the 1925-34 average.

BRITAIN WILL BE HIT

"Countries which will feel the adverse effects most severely are those which are dependent on imports for the biggest part of their food and raw material supplies, namely Great Britain and Japan, "Dr. Clark added." But even in their case, a rise in living standards will not be prevented. It will be slower than it might otherwise have been.

THE "MAHANT" and the Janitor of the Swami Narayan temple at Ahmedabad were arrested and later released on bail for refusing entry into the temple to Harijans. They were alleged to have closed the doors of the temple when a group of ten Harijans sought entry on Tuesday.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

SEALED TENDERS in prescribed forms are invited for the purchase of the following Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs lying at Armed Forces Medical Stores, Depot, Lucknow:—

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS,
NEW DELHI.

Last Minute Goal Saves St. Francis Goans

FULL POINTS COLLECTED IN SENIOR HARWOOD LEAGUE

BOMBAY. Wednesday.

St. Francis Goans claimed both points from their rivals Goan Sports in their fourth meeting at the Cooperage in the First Division of the Harwood Football League. A beautiful header in the closing minutes of play from a corner kick brought in a solitary goal win for St. Francis Goans.

The fourth meeting between these two rival teams was eagerly awaited by their respective supporters who expected a tense struggle on this occasion as in the previous ones. St. Francis Goans had secured the verdict of a solitary goal on the first occasion, but the match was ordered to be played again and in the re-play St. Francis triumphed again. In the return engagement in the second part of the League St. Francis Goans were leading by two goals to nil and the match was abandoned due to heavy rains and poor visibility. Now once more St. Francis Goans prevailed by a solitary goal.

Goan Sports had their strongest team on view but they were unable to do anything against a depleted opposition whose sturdy defenders put up a determined and sound performance. Goan Sports blundered miserably by adapting the short passing method which gave the rival defenders plenty of time to recover and tackle again.

St. Francis Goans on the other hand behaved in the open game and first time tackling which threw confusion into the ranks of the opposition and they were quick to take advantage of the following breeze in the second half and make the ball travel and do most part of their work.

The game started on a tame note and the first three quarters of the game can best be described by the term lousy. The game was lifeless and devoid of any interest and Goan Sports held the upperhand for the first fifteen minutes of play during which they had their best scoring chances but they were slow to take advantage of the gilt-edged scoring chances, but their forwards frittered them away. Fenelon Almeida and Lourdes D'Costa were mostly to blame.

The teams changed ends on level terms with the score board blank and it looked as if neither team would be able to open their account, but just before the final whistle V. D'Souza headed the ball into goal off a flag kick by F. Rebeiro.

MUKANDAM'S TWO GRAND GOALS

Young Mahomedans Easy Win In H. V. M. Cup

BOMBAY. Wednesday.

Royal Indian Navy by dint of splendid team work beat Tata S. C. "A" by two goals to nil this evening in the Second Division of the Harwood Football League played at St. Xavier's Ground-Parel.

Mukandam proved to be the backbone of the Navy's attack and his clever anticipation and footwork were rewarded with two good goals. The score should have been more but Alva, the Tata custodian did his best and the two goals that were scored could not have been saved by any goalkeeper.

Roval Indian Navy opened their accounts in the last few minutes of the first session when Mukandam was fouled by Rego who interfered with Mukandam when he was about to score. Mukandam took the penalty kick and sent a dazzling shot to the top of the net to give R.I.N. the lead upto the first half.

Mukandam scored his sides second goal when due to the lapse on the part of a defender and off a fine pass from Nicholson sent in a corner shot to beat Alva completely in the tenth minute of the second period

The teams:—

TATA "A": Alva; Avertomian McMurray; J. R. Fernandes; Rego, Kanchan; Perumal, Godinho, Krishnamurthy Johnson, Furtado.

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY: Sudarshan; Thapa V. Singh; Mohamed, DeMello, Pillay; Stewart, Mukandam Pereira, Nicholson, Anthony.

Referee: Ambulam.

YOUNG MAHOMEDANS WIN

Young Mahomedans made most of the second half to score four goals. The first half was blank Dockyard "B" having kept their goal intact due to a good attack but changing tactics and lack of combination in the second molety cost them the match.

Young Mahomedans opened their account through Usman, who converted a penalty kick. After a lapse of ten minutes a free kick was awarded outside the Dockyard penalty area and Jery took the kick, Castellino the goalkeeper got to the ball but pushed it and Sindhraj lying handy netted from the rebound.

Five minutes later Joseph running down, the right wing shot from an angle and scored a beautiful goal. Following the example of the right outer Rauf netted from the left flanks Young Mahomedans fourth and final goal.

The teams:—

YOUNG MAHOMEDANS: M. Merchant; M. Ibrahim, Siddique; Saleh, Jery, Yaqub; Joseph, Usman, Sindhraj, Pulbapara, Rauf.

DOCKYARD "B": Castellino; Salu, Imdas; Peter, Luis, A. Dias; Francis, Cruz, Bhagat, Kimchand, Subana.

Referee: Joseph.

GOA XI FOR ZONAL

BOMBAY. Wednesday.

The following players have been invited to represent the Goa XI in the Zonal tournament:

GOAL:—Christopher Silveria (St. F. Goans), D. D'Costa (Tatas).

BACKS:—St. Anne D'Souza (St. Fr. Goans), C. Godinho (Goans), F. D'Souza (Goans), S. Lobo (Burmah-Shell)

FORWARDS:—Maxie Fernandes (Trades), F. Almeida (Goans), Peter Ferrao (Tatas), A. Braganza (Tatas), S. Fernandes (General Motors), D'Mello (General Motors), Eusebio Rodrigues (St. F. Goans).

In the Day's Sport

FOOTBALL

Cooperage

4-30 p.m. Ismail College vs. V.T.T.I. (Inter College Tourney).

5-45 p.m. Burmah-Shell vs. Bombay Gymkhana (First Division Harwood League).

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel.

4-30 p.m. St. Xavier's 'C' vs. Volkart.

5-30 p.m. G. B. Police vs. Port Trust 'A' (Das Cup).

BADMINTON

C.C.I. Courts

5 p.m. C. C. I. Open Championships.

KARNATAK SCHOOLS TOURNEY

Two Drawn Games

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Ashok Cup Football Tournament conducted by the Karnatak Sporting Association commenced this evening at the Cooperage. This tournament is confined to schools affiliated to the K.S.A.

In the opening game Moogaveera School "E" and Bombay Fort School a goalless draw was the result. In the second game Mother India School "C" and Karnatak School "C" shared two goals. N. M. Salian scored for the former while Shetty scored a self goal for the latter.

JUNIORS SET THE PACE

Irwin Lopes No. 22 putting in his last effort which won for him the 100 metres sprint at the Junior Athletes Independence meet. This was Irwin's 37th successive win of his career as a junior.

Rangers Boxing Club Present Best Amateur Lightweight Bout In Years

WILL GENE RAYMOND REVERSE VERDICT AGAINST EDDIE GRAY

(By Our Boxing Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

An international atmosphere will be leant to the Rangers Club Boxing Tournament which takes place at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on August 19th at 9 p.m.

Edward Gray

With the arrival this evening of Eddie Gray the Ceylon contender who meets Gene Raymond, the Indian lightweight title holder pugilists will see one of the best Amateur fights to be staged by any club in this city.

Gray, the Ceylon lightweight champion will be meeting Raymond after a period of three years. Raymond having lost to Gray in Ceylon on a points decision. Raymond has since only recently been a contender for the lightweight title in the world Olympic Games held in England in 1948.

In my opinion Raymond will reverse the verdict this time for he is in good shape and judging from his performance in an exhibition bout at the last Rangers Invitation Tournament he has improved tremendously having learnt a few good ones from the fights he saw in England and also from his own fight.

About Gray little can be said about his recent performances for nothing has been heard about him or his activities in the "little island"—Ceylon

It was a great pity that Albert Perera, well-known Ceylon's bantam weight and featherweight title holder, and finalist in the British Association's Championships last year has to put off his trip as Syd Grieves has and in all probability will be unable to make the trip to Bombay from Pakistan. Grieves is fighting in the Pakistan Championships to-day and had informed the Rangers authorities accordingly.

Syd Grieves was informed that the fight could not be put off and nothing more has been heard from him of the Pakistan controlling body. As no substitutes was available, Albert Perera will not be seen in action.

The other big fight that has had to be cancelled has been done due to Sgt. Boardman being unable to secure leave from the authorities concerned. So the heavyweight fight with Irani is turned to nought.

Of interest to local boxers is the fight between Ron Wilmer, and Peter Prince. Peter Prince has had a number of successes during the current year and has not yet lost this season. He has won against Tyndale, of Pakistan.

Silver belts have been presented for the Raymond vs. Gray fight and the Prince vs Wilmer fight.

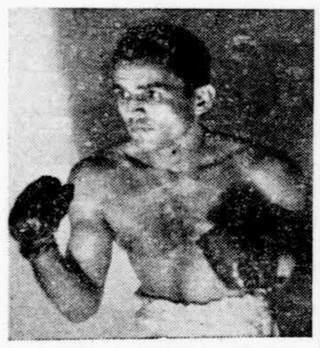
Among the local fighters to be matched are Aspi Irani, Roquizinho, Thomas, Norris, Ballard, Kothare, Kelkar, Carvalho, and Robins from B. B. and C. I. Railway

It is noteworthy, and the Rangers Club deserve credit for billing a juniors fight on the day's programme. Playfair of Christ Church, Byculla will meet Khatau of Petits. Khatau is noted for the numerous short circuit victories he has scored from the commencement of his boxing career.

For the fiirst time in history of Indian Boxing a fight will be broadcast. All India Radio Bombay will give a running commentary on the Eddie Gray vs Raymond fight for the benefit of Ceylon, and the Ceylon station will probably relay the same. Nobby Clark, who has been heard all over giving the cricket commentary will also broadcast the Boxing.

Major-General Barar, Commander, Bombay Area will preside and present the prizes. Popular prices for the tickets have been fixed and are available at the Police Club. Bori Bunder

The weigh-in will take place at the Police Club on August 18 at 6-30 p.m. There has been a rush for tickets and all those who have not yet procured theirs are asked to do so early to avoid disappointment.



Gene Raymond.

MOTIRAM DESAI BEATEN

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Except for the Motiram Desai-Pendurkar encounter, all matches in the C.C.I. Badminton Championship played this evening worked out true to forms.

Although Motiram won the first game, he was unable to keep up the pace and had to bow down to superior physical fitness of his opponent. (

Pendurkar won the match at 15-15 15-3, 15-10.

In the women's doubles, Miss Dhun Vakeel and Silloo Vakil put up a brave fight before going down to Miss Phansalkar and Miss Bhat.

Following were the results:

Women's Doubles

Miss Vasumati Oak and Miss Piloo Shroff beat Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Simur; 15-0, 15-10; Miss Shashikala M. Bhat and Miss Sindhu S. Phansalkar beat Miss Dhun Vakeel and Miss Silla Vakeel, 15-8, 15-9.

Women's Singles

Miss Homai Dubash beat Mrs Nevaskar, 11-3, 11-1.

Men's Singles

S. G. Pendurkar beat M. N. Desai 15-15, 15-3, 15-10.

Men's Doubles

K. K. Sachdev and K. L. Suri beat Nazim H. Shums and Dattatreya N. Dhngade, 15-9, 6-15, 15-10; B. R. Mallapur and A. S. Phalnikar beat G Rodriques and C. Quadros, 15-5, 15-4; Bal Gupte and R. Varadkar w.o. P. M. Talpade and Y. L. Masurkar; D. G. Mugwe and B. V. Ullal w.o. H. J. H. Talyarkhan and Partner; Brijmohan R. Agaskar and P. S. Nilkanth beat Anant V. Ullal and Harilal R. Shah, 15-4, 15-1; S. S. Parulekar and S. S. Kalyanpurkar w.o. B. Pair, Henry Ferreira and Homi K. Talyarkhan beat L. D'Souza and W. Gomms 15-9 15-5.

Men's Singles

G. Fernandes beat A. G. Ganu, 15-4 15-2, M. G. Murdeshwar beat G. Rodriques, 15-0, 15-8.

Men's Doubles

M. R. Kundaji and D. G. Muleksr beat S. B. Katara and B. B. Kataru, 15-8, 15-8; P.M. Nadkarni and N. R. Swami beat O. Alves and D. Kumble, 18-17, 12-15, 15-2; H. K. Fu and Mohan Nanda beat V. V. Kamat and V. V. Shanbag, 13-18, 15-11, 15-11; L. R. Agaskar and V. C. Raikar w.o. K. Hirlekar and Partner; Madhu S. Patil and Manohar K. Bhopardikar beat V. Mendonca and M. D'Souza, 15-4, 15-2; M. Pereira and M. D'Souza w.o. 'B' Pair, G. S. Kalyanpur and Partner w.o. 'B' Pair.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

COURT NO. I: 5-00 P.M. Miss M. Chinoy vs. Miss D. Vakil. 5-20 P.M. Miss S. Nigudkar vs. Miss H. Dubash or Mrs. K. Nevaskar. 5-40 P.M. P. D. Raut vs. D. B. Sidhwa. 6-00 P.M. B. P. Koppikar and P. M. D. Thackersey vs. G. R. Chandran and G. S. Chandran. 6-20 P.M. R. A. Dongre vs. M. G. Mangalvedhekar. 6-40 P.M. G. S. Kalyanpur vs. P. Cordeiro. 7-00 P.M. B. R. Mallapur vs. S. A. Phalnikar. 7-20 P.M. S. S. Parulekar vs. B. R. Agaskar.

COURT NO. II: 5-00 P.M. Mrs. K. Natu vs. Miss E Edwards. 5-20 P.M. M. P. Desai vs. L. Chabria, 5-40 P.M. K. Herlekar vs. S. B. Katara, 6-00 P.M. H. R. Shah vs. R. M. Zaveri. 6-20 P.M. D. G. Mulekar vs. K. K. Sachdev, 6-40 P.M. N. H. Shums vs. M. M. Shinde 7-00 P.M. V. R. Varadkaf vs. S. G. Daniel. 7-20 P.M. N. J. Antia vs. Pal Suri.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

LONDON, Aug. 17 (PTI-Reuter).—The following are the County Cricket Close-of-play scores:

AT DERBY: Derbyshire versus Middlesex.

Middlesex 403 for 6 (Brown 74, Denis Compton 57, Mann 86, Leslie Compton not out 83).

AT PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire versus Surrey.

Surrey 403 (Fishlock 112, Parker 137, Holmes not out 50, Shackleton 5 for 107).

AT EASTBOURNE: Sussex versus Somerset.

Somerset 355 for eight (Gimblett 70, Walford 97, Buse 55).

Attempt On World Water-Speed Record Fails

CONISTON, Water Lake District, August 17 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Donald Campbell today failed to break his late father's World water speed record. After two runs on the measured mile, his wife had radioed from the timekeepers office that the record had been broken, but when timings were rechecked it was found that he had not broken the record of 141.74 m.p.h.

Conditions on the Lake appeared to be perfect for a second attempt almost immediately, and Mr. Campbell said another attempt would be made right away "the same thing happened to Father in 1935 and he just went in and tried again", he added.

"She was going fast today but my only doubts were that we do swerved."

The Bluebird had swerved widly during the first run over the measured mile as the match over flew off.

Oil sprayed allover the Bluebird but Mr Campbell quickly recovered, turned round within four minutes and returned on a second run. The attempt was made at 7.05 a.m. after 90 minute's of waiting for the right conditions.

Mr. Donald Campbell today indefinitely postponed his attempt to break his late Father's world water speed record of 141.74 miles an hour after the engine of his boat Bluebird II was "badly damaged" in two unsuccessful runs here. Mr. Campbell, son of Sir Malcolm Campbell, said it might take months to repair the damage "the increased thrust and power I used this morning has wrecked the gear box", he said.

Handicaps For Saturday

POONA, August 17. (PTI): Following are the handicaps for the First Day of the Poona Races to be held on Saturday, August 20 .

The Criterion—Six furlongs.

Deepak Mahal 10-0, Diesel 9-4, Paper King 7-13, Asoka 7-12, Shane-Hind (Hind) 7-12, Jalwant 7-9, Jacquemont 7-9, Boop's Fancy 7-8, Zam Zam 7-6, Coup D'etat 7-6.

The Shrigonda Plate—One mile one Furlong.

Repartee 9-0, Cocktop 8-11, Tomcat 8-10, Pay Master 8-10, Shubh Luxmi 8-10, Flying Dragon 8-8, Goodwill 8-8, Chin Up 8-7, Nirvana 9-2, The Judge 8-2, Courage 8-2, Game Bid 8-0, Windsor Park 8-0, Maid of Honour 7-13, Once Again 7-13, Taslardoon 7-12, Ghizala 7-12. Rashtrapati 7-11, Prospero 7-11.

The Gwalior Plate Div. I —One mile, one furlong.

D. Day 9-0, Little John 9-0, Embarkation 9-0, Mah-I-Nau 8-13, Royal Wedding 8-12, Salta 8-10, Blue Lotus 8-7 Kalpana 8-6, Windsor Knight 8-6, Chhatrapati 8-6, Gang Bhup 8-6, Spring Chicken 8-5, Mardan 8-5, Panditji 8-1, Riviera 7-13

Division II

Aflatoon 9-0, Shivaji 8-12, Valiant Prince 8-11, Lady Cleopatra 8-9, Moulin Rouge 8-9, Show On 8-8, Wet Bob 8-8, Peppermint 8-7, Kings Star 8-5, Merry Windsor 8-5, Cockpit Pride 8-3, Battling Admiral 8-2, Amin 8-2, Patent Bid 7-12.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys (with allowances).

THE Sirpur Plate Div. I—One mile one furlong.

Shirazi 9-0, Sunlight 8-13, Mansoor Beg 8-13, Marlow 8-13, Ijjat 8-12, Son of a Gun 8-12, Chetna 8-10, Fashion Parade 8-9, New Era 8-9, Sonnet 8-6, Crown of Kolhapur 8-6, Puri Pakodi 8-4, Luminary 8-3, My Chance 7-12, Golden Square 7-11, Army and Navy 7-10.

..To be ridden by Apprentice Jockeys with Allowances.

The Sirur Plate Div. II—One mile, one furlong.

Dashera 9-2, Brilliant Sunshine 9-2 Gay Count 8-13, Adorable 8-12, Navroze 8-10, Emerald 8-10, Gipsy Bill 8-9, Broken Mask 8-8, Abdel 8-5, Phone Again 8-1, Torrent 7-13, Ginger Lady 7-13, Lalaji 7-12, Rohini 7-12, Miss Rutty 7-0.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

The Ghorpuri Plate—One and a quarter miles.

Desert Hawk 9-0, Morning 9-0, Sinhgarh 8-12, Bentex 8-8, Whos That 8-5, Prove It 8-0, Kiss Miss 7-7.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

The Colts Trial—Six Furlongs.

Manisha 9-3, Deuce of Clubs 9-0 Trumpeldor 9-0, Chand Chakor 9-0, Gang Bhup 8-11, Makarpura 8-11, Pavan 8-11, Bihari 8-11, Pay On 8-11, Your Majesty 8-11, Prince of Mahad 8-11, Pessimist 8-11, Havana 8-11, Furat 8-7, Mack 8-7, Nea Helles 8-7.

The fillies Trail—Six furlongs.

Gamble for Love 9-3, Tamanna 9-0 Rukhsana 9-0, Viveca 9-0, Lady Doctor 9-0, Neola 8-11, Flying Princess 8-11, Kammu 8-7 Princes Domnic 8-7, Chrissie Darling 8-7.

Shirley May's Attempt Postponed

WISHANT, France, Aug. 17 (UPA: The attempt by Shirley May France, 17-year-old American schoolgirl, to swim the English Channel, today, was postponed because of rising winds. Shirley said earlier she hoped to start today, but her trainer, Ted Worner, at Dover, decided that winds blowing up across the Channel late in the afternoon were too much for her.

Worner said that the early morning forecast, Thursday, would determine whether Shirley would make her try on Thursday afternoon.

THE "FLYING FISH OF FUJIYAMA" IS AT IT AGAIN

Blazing Display By Japanese Swimmers In A. A. U. Championships

LOS ANGELES, August 16 (U.P.A.).

JAPAN'S premier distance swimmers put on a blazing display of form today in the preliminaries to the AAU Men's Swimming Championships and set world's records in two successive heats of the gruelling 1500 meter free style.

The trio of Japanese distance men easily won the three preliminary heats and served notice that they intend to walk off with first, second and third places in the finals tomorrow night at the Los Angeles 50 meter Olympic Swim Stadium.

The meet, which drew the best swimmers from Japan, the United States, Mexico and Canada, gets under way officially tomorrow but the first actual competition came this afternoon when 16 swimmers competed for the seven finalists qualifying posts.

Hirohonoshin Furuhashi, the "Flying Fish of Fujiyama," turned in the day's No. one performance by slashing nearly three quarters of a minute off the recognized world's mark for 1500 meters. He swam the distance in a sizzling 18 minutes 19 seconds, 38 seconds faster than the official world's mark.

Furuhashi's performance was made the more brilliant because it came just 19 minutes after his teammate, Shiro Hashizume, ranked second only to Furuhashi among Japan's distance aces, had cut more than 20 seconds off the recognized standard in winning the first heat. Hashizume won by 150 meters over Mexico's Cesar Borja in 18 minutes 35.7 seconds, one and three tenths seconds faster than Furuhashi's previous best mark.

The third heat was won by another Japanese, Sumio Tanaka whose time was 19 minutes 19.3 seconds, some 20 seconds slower than the official world mark.

Some 2,000 spectators, a large portion of Japanese descent, attended the opening day events but the crowd was expected to increase considerably when tomorrow's heavy schedule gets under way.

The finals in the 1500 and 200 meter freestyle, the 300 medley, and sprints for boys and girls are scheduled tomorrow night with preliminaries in various events to be run off during the day.

Three Japanese swimmers are entered for the 200 meters just as in the 1500 meters. The three sprinters, however, are not expected to find the going so easy as it was in the 1500. Wally Ris, U.S. Olympic Champion, is favoured to make the strongest showing in the sprints.

CHANDARANA CLAIMS SINGLES TITLE

POONA, Aug. 17 (PTI).—The Final Day's programme in the Engineering College Poona Open Table Tennis Tournament came as an anti-climax in comparison to yesterday's semi-finals and provided little to enthuse over.

Form worked out right in all the finals with U. M. Chandarana claiming the men's singles trophy and H. M. Khanchand and O. Dyer claiming the men's doubles honours. U. M. Chandarana had the measure of Khanchand from the very outset and the latter, the holder went down tamely in three straight sets.

The men's doubles final between Khanchand and Dyer and the Kapadia Brothers proved disappointing. Khan Chand and Dyer took some time to settle down and after losing the first set settled the pretensions of the Kapadia Brothers in three straight sets thereafter.

The most interesting match of the evening, however, turned out to be the mixed doubles final between Chandarana and Miss Indu Desai and V. M. Nadkarni and Miss Siloo Motiwalla. Nadkarni was the best player of the four and played brilliantly. He however received poor support from his partner, Miss Motiwalla, and lost the final in the fifth set.

Following are the results:

MEN'S SINGLES (Final)

U.M. Chandarana beat H. M. Khanchand 21-3, 21-16, 21-10.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (Final)

Miss Suhasini Dharap beat Miss Siloo Motiwalla 21-8, 21-12, 21-14.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Final)

H. M. Khanchand and Ossie Dyer beat D. H. Kapadia and K. H. Kapadia 14-21, 21-15, 21-6, 21-19.

MIXED DOUBLES (Final)

U. M. Chandarana and Miss Indu Desai beat V. M. Nadkarni and Miss Siloo Motiwalla 14-21, 21-17, 18-21, 21-16, 21-18.

The best loser of the tournament: V. M. Kamat.

Consolation Prize: Master Avind Karekatti.

JAIN GOES DOWN FIGHTING

Mahesh Desai Extended In Collegiate Badminton

BOMBAY Wednesday.

As a result of today's play in the quarter-finals of the men's singles in the Collegiate Badminton tournament, Manohar Bhopardikar from Ruia College will meet Elphinstonian Mahesh Desai in the first semi-final, while the lower half semi-final will be fought out by Ardeshir Kavarana from Podar College and Kamath from Ruia College.

Bhopardikar and Kavarana encountered little difficulty in beating their respective opponents, while Mahesh Desai and Kamath both dropped a game each to R. P. Soonawalla and R. K. Jain respectively.

Mahesh Desai, the Elphinston's second singles player after winning the first game against R.P. Soonawalla at 15-4, took things easy in the second and paid the penalty by losing it. At one stage his opponent was leading 12-3 in the second game and a last-minute effort on the part of the Elphinstonian failed to yield desired result. Mahesh Desai won the decider in a convincing manner conceding only a brace of points.

In the other quarter-final round, Kamath from Ruia had to fight hard to beat Raj Kumar Jain, who extended him to full three games. Losing the first game at 13-15, Kamath's stamina told in the end, and he won the next two games at 15-3, 15-6.

There will be no matches in the Collegiate Badminton till the 20th of the month.

The tournament will be resumed on the 21st when the quarter-finals of the men's doubles will be played in the morning.

Following were the results:

MEN'S SINGLES

QUARTER-FINALS:—Ruia 'A' (Manohar K. Bhopardikar) beat G.M.C. 'A' (L. D'Souza) 15-4 15-1; E. C and R.I.S. 'B' (Mahesh P. Desai) beat National Medical 'B' (R. P. Soonawalla) 15-4, 5-15, 15-2; Ruia 'B' (P.A Kamath) beat National Medical 'A' (Raj Kumar Jain) 13-15, 15-3, 15-6, Podar 'A' Ardeshir R. Kavarana) beat G.M.C. 'B' (I.C. Patel) 15-1, 15-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

THIRD ROUND:—Ruia 'A' (Manohar K. Bhopardikar and P.A. Kamath) beat Podar 'B' (S.F. Captain and S.G. Vasani) 15-2, 15-0, E.C. and R.I.S. 'A' (Mahesh P. Desai and Vinayak P. Desai) beat Siddarth B (D C. Shirodkar and S. P. Naik) 15-6, 15-3, Bhawan's 'B' (Vikram M. Mehta and S.M Master) beat G.S.M. 'A' (R. B. Pradhan and S.N. Kumta) 15-3, 17-14; National Medical 'A' (Raj Kumar Jain and R.P. Soonawalla) beat Law 'A' (D. Karaj and N.B. Soman) 17-14, 15-6 E.C. and R:I.S. 'B' (Nazim H. Shums and Dattatraya N. Dhongade) beat Jai Hind 'A' (C.T. Shah and M. M. Bhagat) 15-6, 16-8; Ruia 'B' (G. S. Walawalkar and N.G. Adhye) beat G.S.M. 'B' (S. M. Sathe and D. M. Amonkar,) 15-6, 15-13; Sydenham 'B' (V.M. Jain and N.V. Sanzgiri) w.o. St. Xaxier's 'B' (Terence Le Febour and H. K. Fu); Podar 'A' (Ardeshir R. Kavarana and S. G. Wagh) beat V.J.T.I. 'A' (V.R. Jamalabad and S. N. Iyer) 15-1, 15-8.

I. F. A. Shield Football

CALCUTTA, Aug. 17 (PTI)—Following are the results of matches played with I.F.A. Shield Tournament today:—

Town Club (Silchar) 2 George Telegraph 0.

Tata Sports Club (Bombay) 2, Jamshedpur Old Boys 2.

Mohammadan Sporting 0, Calcutta F. C. 0.

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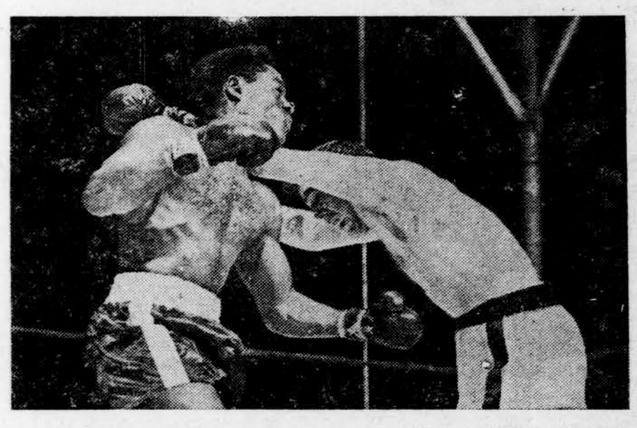
A Lashing Left From Ezzard



GUS Lesnevich (right), evinces in advance, as "Champion" Ezzard Charles brings up a lashing left upper cut to the mid section in their battle for the N.B.A. version of the World Heavyweight title at the Yankee Stadium. Lesnevich retired in the 8th round due to a badly cut eye.

The Bombay Chronicle

As soon as the waves have stopped, the lake has become quiet, we see its bottom. So with the mind: when it is calm, we see what our own nature is; we do not mix ourselves but remain our own selves.

—VIVEKANANDA.

THE ECONOMIC PROSPECT

India's problem now and for some time to come is not political but economic. She has to produce more food—the gap of ten per cent has got to be covered by increased production and by the production and widespread use of substitute foods—she has to cut down her imports and she has to increase her exports. If the effort to popularise substitute foods does not succeed, our dependence will be the greater on the attempt to increase the production of more food grains and to organise distribution equitably. That involves the continuance of rationing and controls. A dispirited British observer has lamented that the new dollar-sterling arrangements will only result in greater burden on the British tax-payer in order that Indians might take in more cosmetics and luxury goods. Thus a stage has been reached when it is as injurious to British economy to export consumer goods as it is for India to import them. The "Economist" charges Britain's Labour Government with being moved by the desire to "do nothing which might disturb employment in the export industries which supply the Indian market"; and it protests that "these easy exports, easy because they are unrequited, are to continue to absorb British resources which ought to be employed elsewhere. India's access to the common pool of dollar reserves has also furnished British economists with a strong argument for keeping down India's imports and stepping up her exports, since any gains from increased trade are to go to swell the common reserves. In the circumstances, a return to the old insistence on Swadeshi would only partly meet the case. We have to strive at an austerity which will make us spend less at home and enable us to sell abroad to our maximum capacity It is not an easy matter to appeal to a public which normally lives on the margin of subsistence, to cut down expenses. Dr. Matthai the Finance Minister, gilded the pill by asserting that under the agreement India could draw a dollar equivalent of some 35 million dollars as against the 15 million allotted last year and the 21 million actually drawn. This interpretation which has not so far been challenged by the British Treasury, has caused some consternation in Britain. In India itself, the A.I.C.C. "Economic Review" strikes a warning note. "It is clear that the amount of dollar release under the present agreement is certainly bigger than that under the 1948 Indo-British Sterling Agreement. But whereas under the 1948 Agreement the release was unconditional, India's withdrawal from the Central Reserve would now depend on the soundness of the reserve and the reserve is—at least was—shrinking at an alarming rate and the Commonwealth Finance Ministers had to meet in a conference to find a way out of the crisis. Under the circumstances, it is premature to say if India would really get more dollars than last year under the new agreement." The analysis, whilst it skirts round the paradox of accepting a 25 per cent cut in dollar drawings on the 1948 amount and still being able to obtain five dollars where it drew three, warns the public against undue optimism. On the other hand, no one has commented on one feature of the new agreement, that it places an obligation on India, as the earlier one did not, to credit to Central Reserves her extra earning of dollars through stepped up exports. The result of all these considerations cannot but be to bring home to the people a realisation of the need for careful organisation of the food and foreign trade of the country. Access to the Central Reserve involves also responsibility to see that it is kept substantially sound.

The nationwide drive for increased food production, for a uniform procurement and for controlled distribution will succeed only in so far as public response is both sustained and enthusiastic, and as lower officials of the Government function honestly and conscientiously. In the absence of these, plans arrived at with meticulous detail will only be so many paper schemes which might annoy but cannot achieve results. The Food Commissioner is undertaking a tour of the various provinces and States Unions to study on the spot problems connected with food production and procurement. There are also to be various committees visiting different areas to report to the Centre on working of procurement. The outcome of all this inquiry should be to key up the machinery and eliminate defects of which the agriculturist is only too conscious today. There are other problems germane to these topics that also need looking into. With the single objective of securing maximum production, the recent legislation regarding land in various units should be studied and such of them as are calculated to obstruct this objective must be set aside. The inquiries to be shortly initiated will of course have to be followed up by a conference between the Centre and the units. The urgency of the problem has been well impressed on the public. It is equally necessary that confidence should be established in the official machinery that is to implement the food policy.

On the side of exports, it has been reiterated that there must be some standardisation which will impress foreign buyers. This can be achieved effectively only by the Government setting up warehouses in which goods for exports can be inspected, officially sealed and kept away from access to the supplying parties after the guarantee certificates are issued Here too it is important that the lower officials be thoroughly dependable. The question of price is one which needs attention. The foreign buyer cannot be expected to pay higher prices for Indian goods when he can get equally serviceable articles for lower rates. The experience of the jute industry is a warning to Indian business. The world's use of packages has increased but there has been an increasing switch-over to cheaper substitutes for jute. Unless something is done to bring down jute prices "sensationally", says the "Economist", ground will be lost permanently to the rivals of jute. There are similar problems in almost every article of export.

It should be less difficult to cut down our imports. The difficulty here lies in the fact that food prices account for nearly 60 per cent of the cost-of-living index. But with the drive towards self-sufficiency in food, there will be an appreciable drop in food imports and it should not be difficult to reduce the other 40 per cent. It is unfortunate that the enthusiasm for Swadeshi has dropped considerably and it is unnatural to expect it to be sustained when foreign goods are obtainable so much more cheaply. But with the studious elimination of wastage and mismanagement in industrial production, it should be possible to effect considerable reductions in production expenses and therefore in the selling price of the products. The overall picture is not very comforting. It calls for considerable austerity and hard work. But the difficulties are not insurmountable and the sacrifices called for are not stupendous compared with the objectives desired.

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

A. Zverev, the Soviet Minister of Finance, published the following statement in PRAVDA (May 10, 1949):

"The fourth State loan of rehabilitation and development of the public economy of the USSR issued on May 3, 1949, for the sum of 20 billion rubles, was by May 8 of this year sold out to a total of 23,825,770,000 rubles—the target having been exceeded by 3,825,770,000 rubles."

On May 4, 1949, PRAVDA wrote on this same loan:

"The Soviet loans are loans never known heretofore in history. By their very essence they are the exact opposite of loans in bourgeois countries."

—The BALTIC REVIEW.

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Said Sri Jayaprakash Narayan at Patna: "Unless the people organise a more powerful party than the Congress they cannot replace the present Government and bring an end to their misery".

The fact that the people, including "leaders", do not organise a more powerful party seems to suggest that the people rather like their "misery".

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Apropos of the Indian Flag incidents, it is reported from Karachi that the Pakistan Government has ordered a judicial inquiry into the police firing.

But no inquiry into who started it all?

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Addressing the Karachi Independence Day meeting, Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan announced that taxation in Pakistan would continue to be based on Socialist principles, as these were the same as those taught by Islam.

Students of Socialism and Islam had better avoid exchanging glances of surprise and wonder. The Prime Minister of Pakistan might resent.

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By the way, Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan compared Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan to those of an elder brother and a younger brother" and added "if necessary an elder brother can mildly rebuke his young brother, but always with a feeling of fraternal love".

The younger brother is, of course, old Afghanistan. Comment on the rest is unnecessary.

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On his return to New York from his Scandinavian vacation, Mr. Trygve Lie the U.N. Secretary-General said: "The cold war is over—we are now in a period of cold peace".

Wanted blankets please.

Also mass injections of penicillin by way of precaution against pneumonia.

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Mr. Trygve Lie, adds the New York report, declined to comment when reporters questioned about recent statements that the danger of a third world war had passed.

Mr. Lie was wise neither to confess nor to deny those statements.

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Washington: General MacArthur today declined a second Senate invitation to return home to testify on China because he believed he could "best serve the national interest by remaining at my post" in Japan.

So he is occupying "my post" of Supreme administrator of Japan on behalf of all the Allies in the national interest of the United States.

THE WAY OUT OF CRISIS

By Shankarrao Deo

A VIGILANT and well-informed public which is critically watchful of the day to day policies and programmes of the Government and quickly reacts to their effects is the life breath of democracy. I believe that a democratic solution of any issue is possible only by balancing the views and interests of all elements making up our economic and social life.

Everybody is agreed that to preserve the newly won freedom and translate it into social and economic conditions which will enable the masses to satisfy their material and spiritual needs of every day life we must successfully tide over the present economic crisis. We have to bring down substantially the prices of foodgrains and agricultural products as well as the prices of industrial goods, particularly those in demand by the common people and thereby reduce the cost of living. How can this be done? The answer is mainly by increasing production. The drive for increased production must start first on food front. Ours is mainly an agricultural country and still we have to import food grains from foreign countries worth crores of rupees every year to feed our people on bare subsistence standard. This is not only putting an unbearable heavy burden on our exchange resources but is destroying all our hopes of industrialising the country. This continuous financial drain unless stopped in time, while unhinging our whole economic structure may lead to such disturbed and confused condition that it would be difficult, if not impossible to retrieve afterwards.

BE LESS AMBITIOUS

I wrote "for sometime to come let us base our plans of production on the available resources, human and material, of our nation. Though we have got great manpower, we have few experts and fewer trained technicians. We are potentially rich in material wealth, yet actually we have little capital. Therefore, let us be less ambitious. In a hurry to industrialise and be among the great nations, let us not allow the ground to slip under our feet. Let us begin with small things and end with big ones".

The Government today have got no less than 170 power and Irrigation projects in varying stages of execution, the estimated cost of which is Rs 1,200 crores. Detailed estimates reveal that for the execution of the projects, they have to be spread over a period of five years or more. The country will need dollars worth Rs. 167.36 crores, sterlings worth Rs. 112.36 crores and Rs. 929.08 crores in our own currency. Apart from the question of finance, material-wise the requirements of these projects are:

1.7	million tons	of Steel,
14.78	" "	of Cement
2.9	" "	of Diesel Oil,
and 2.3	" "	of Petrol

Apart from these power projects there are other developmental projects in shipping, aviation, iron and steel industry, road-building and housing. These large-scale developmental projects, if completed, will no doubt conduce to the ultimate prosperity of the nation and the country.

THE PRICE LEVEL

But they will be hardly useful for the immediate need of bringing down the price level through increased production. Recently the Working Committee of the Indian National Trade Union Congress passed a resolution specifically urging upon the Government to evolve its price policy in such a way that the existing prices index is brought down by at least 30 per cent in the first instance before the current financial year is completed.

As a matter of fact, the Government in its anti-inflation policy of October, 1948, declared that the prices will be gradually brought down; first by putting a ceiling to the rising trend of the price level and afterwards by increasing production. The Economic Adviser's index number stood then at 382.0 and today it stands at 381.9. Immediately after decontrol prices skyrocketted and price index shot up by 100 points in course of six months. It is no mean achievement on the part of the Government to keep the price level steady since the declaration of their anti-inflation policy. But the Government have promised that prices would come down specially those of the food group articles. Concessions in various forms were offered to the owners of large-scale enterprise so that production might be stepped up. According to the statement of the Industries' Minister, in the last session of the Advisory Council of Industries, the year 1948 witnessed no doubt a definite, though modest, increase in industrial production on all fronts, yet this increase has hardly affected the cost of living of the common man which is our immediate objective. In the midst of these hardships of high cost of living comes the menace of unemployment. Mills are being closed down. There is a threat of unemployment as well as underemployment in industries specially textile and jute.

IMMEDIATE STEPS

Above everything, the Government's economic policy, therefore, must ensure (i) quick fall in price level through increased production and (ii) full employment of the man power of the country. According to the Industrial Policy (1948 April), the Government of India are pursuing a policy of increased production through large-scale as well as small-scale industries.

While facilities have been granted to the large-scale industries for increased production, the Government of India has also constituted a Cottage Industries Board. It is a matter of great satisfaction that A.I.V.I.A. and A.I.S.A., the two great institutions long connected with the work of village industries have agreed to co-operate with the efforts of the Government. A delegation was sent to Japan by the Cottage Industries Board to study the method followed in Japan for increasing the efficiency of cottage industries. The delegation has brought, besides valuable data, a number of machines which may be utilised for improving the productive capacities of the cottage industries. It has also arranged for the drafting of a number of Japanese technicians to train our instructors for a limited period. This is certainly a good beginning, but much more has yet to be done. So far as we can see in industrial production, the shift in emphasis in the present context should be on small-scale industries, both for the purpose of increasing production and increasing the volume of employment. Immediately there should be a countrywide survey of the resources—human and material, with a view to start the village industries on the basis of an integrated plan. Piece-meal ef-

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Emergency In Hong Kong

As the Communist forces crash through Nationalist territory in China and nearer Hong Kong, eyes turn to that British-held port. For, potentially it is an international powder magazine, which may burst into a big conflagration, if attacked. The British have been preparing Hong Kong for defence and have been steadily reinforcing not only their military garrison but also their naval and air concentrations. The latest step in those preparations is the announcement of new emergency requisitioning regulations. Hong Kong is being converted into an embattled port and there will obviously be big international trouble if there is a fight. But a bigger trouble is threatened in Mr. Dean Acheson's recent grim warning to Chinese Communists of an attack on Hong Kong leading possibly to wider and extremely grave international consequences. We do not think the Communists of China will be foolish enough to rush headlong into an international crisis at this stage. Nevertheless their advance towards Hong Kong deserves to be watched with interest.

Greetings To Indonesia

On Wednesday, the Republic of Indonesia celebrated the fourth anniversary of the declaration of Indonesian independence and of the beginning of a struggle that has not yet ended. Born out of the chaos and confusion of the last war Indonesian freedom has had to force sufferings and tribulations of no ordinary intensity and extent. It has been a bitter struggle for survival against an Imperialism that tried to strangle and murder it at its very birth. As the Republican President, Dr. Soekarno, says in his reply to the greetings of India's Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, "these last four years we have faced bitter sorrow and violence and the flower of our youth have lain their lives." This is a modest statement of the experience that the people of Indonesia had to endure. They have had to go through the valley of blood and tears but without faltering. How they faced the challenge of their experiences is a chapter in the history of the struggle of enslaved peoples for freedom, which is as glorious as it is well-known. Their great fight has wrung admiration even from the unwilling. And today a whole world is awaiting with hope the end of the journey which is in sight.

India's Interest

India has had special reasons to follow this great struggle in Indonesia, to feel its sufferings and to stand behind it during all these four years. Pandit Nehru and Dr. Soekarno have both referred to the bonds, political and historic, that bind the two countries and their peoples together in fraternal relations. These relations found expression in the efforts of India to rally Asia and the freedom-loving world to the support of Republican Indonesia. They will also find expression in the future in a common endeavour to serve the cause of Asian freedom and prosperity and of world democracy. And so it is that India and its people greet Indonesia and its people on the anniversary of the declaration of their independence And so it is also that Indians are looking forward to the Hague Round Table Conference for a successful consummation of the Indonesian struggle with the same hope and eagerness—and anxiety—as Indonesians themselves.

Karachi Incident's Echo

We are glad to learn that the report sent to the Government of India by Dr. Sita Ram, India's High Commissioner in Pakistan, states apropos of the recent Karachi incidents that the Pakistan Government took prompt action and afforded full police protection and that the Indian staff quarters were being guarded by the police. India will appreciate the action of the Government of Pakistan and the Karachi police in rising to the occasion and effectively carrying out their duty in the face of a hostile mob. We notice, however, that the "prompt action" to which Dr. Sita Ram refers is to be made the subject of judicial inquiry. There can be no harm in such an inquiry. And there can be no objection to it. But we also notice that efforts are being made to prejudice the whole affair. Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman, the President of the Pakistan Muslim League, while demanding an immediate and impartial inquiry into the firing, demands also the suspension, in the meantime, of those responsible for the firings. If this latter demand is acceded to it will amount to the assumption of a 'prima facie' case against the police and those responsible for the firing. It will practically mean condemnation of the police in advance. It is to be hoped that the Government of Pakistan do not yield to such a demand. Meanwhile, Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan will also do well to think cooly and soberly about his oratorical performance before the hostile crowd on that day.

Gifts

Speaking at the Independence Day celebrations of Maharastrians in Delhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru stated that he felt happy to find that the replica of the Ashok Pillar presented to him on the occasion was not of gold or silver. He expressed his disapprobation of the tendency to waste money on the presentation of gold and silver caskets and declared that a practice like this should be discontinued. If the object of presentation is the expression of feelings or appreciation of the services rendered by somebody, it can be very well achieved even if the article meant for presentation was simple and less expensive. Pandit Nehru made, in this connection, the right suggestion that if it was at all necessary to present anything, the present should rather be an artistic article. What should really count in presentation is, not the cost of the articles but the feelings with which they are presented. In India, however, the tendency has been to assess human feelings in terms of the cost of articles, and consequently the presentation of expensive caskets has come to stay as a fashionable custom. The occasions, for presentations, as implied in Pandit Nehru's remarks should be rare, and money saved by holding simple functions should be distributed to the needy and hungry. India can effect some economy in expenditure, energy and time, if the fashionable custom of making costly presents and organising unnecessary and showy functions is discontinued.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Indian Society Of Dowagers

Dowsing, which was looked down at one time, has been recognised now because of success. Official and non-official bodies are encouraging it and planning further research on that subject. So it will be in the interest of all those interested in the subject of dowsing to organise and form a society.

The aims of the proposed society are:—

1. To encourage the study of the science of dowsing.
2. To advance the knowledge and practice of dowsing, particularly in its application to the search for sub-terranean water course.
3. To help to increase the area under well irrigation in India.

Today in India hardly one fifth of the cultivated land is irrigated. The value of irrigation to agriculture needs no emphasis. A great deal of money and effort could be saved if it becomes possible to determine by some test to locate the exact spots, where subterranean water can be tapped. This is the very test, which scientific dowsing seeks to provide.

I shall appreciate it very much, if any one who is interested in dowsing writes to me.

—SURSINHJI K. S.
(Retired Director of Agriculture
Sanganwa Chowk.
Rajkot.
Saurashtra).

Electoral Rolls

The next election will be on the basis of adult franchise and millions of more names will get on the electoral rolls. A Government department is already busy in preparing the rolls In the old days these rolls were notorious for their inaccuracies, misprints and errors. Usually a month was given to verify these rolls when the public were supposed to scrutinise them and report any inaccuracy and get it corrected. It is well-known how low is the civic sense of the general public. Many people wake up only at the last minute to find their names not included in the rolls. Then there is a scramble to get them included. Officials resent this last minute rush because it means more work for them. They are more interested in getting the rolls off their hands as quickly as possible. They discourage these last minute "Late Latifs" and turn them back by saying that it is too late. Many get turned off long time before the last minute. In order to avoid that, the rolls should be checked and re-checked before they are published. In big cities like Bombay, the Rationing Department have got a very complete list of the population and the electoral department ought to verify their list with them. As a last thing, the electoral roll should be kept open for atleast for six months for the public to make their complaints.

—S. G. HIWALE.

Among The Dead

I read with interest the letter by "A Rationalist" in your columns saying that the cemeteries in the midst of the city should be removed. With all the respect for the dead, let me say that it is depressing to breathe the smoke from the funeral pyres all hours of the day and night from where I am staying. If I or any members of my family stand out in the gallery we see over the high stone walls burning pyres. It makes one feel how futile and brief the span human life is and puts thoughts of death in one's head. Alsa it makes a very bad impression on the children's minds. My feelings are also shared by many of my neighbours. If I could I would go away and stay at some other place but in these days it is next to impossible. Any way some other fahily will come and stay where we are. And if those persons are as sensitive as I am then they will suffer, too. The suggestion of the Rationalist is very sensible and the municipality should consider seriously the possibility of removing these burning places and cemeteries out of the city limits.

—ALEX FERNANDES.

National Day

Your correspondent "A Spectator" complains of his bitter experience of celebrating the National Day jointly by all parties. He says that certain socialist supporters created unpleasant scenes at the Independence Dav celebration at Malad. The unpleasantness arose because speeches were allowed. If there were no speeches, as I have suggested, and the ceremny was confined to flag salutation and prayers there would be no need for unpleasantness. His argument is more in favour for adopting my way of celebrating the Independence Day.

—DIWAKAR NAGARKAR.

Poor Students And Universities

I would like to draw the attention of Indian Universities in general and the Punjab University in particular to the fact that thousands of ambitious youngmen are being deprived of the privilege of higher education because their parents are unable to support them.

Forced by the circumstances, which have become very acute after partition they take up a clerk's Job at the most either after Matriculation or Intermediate. The pay they get is just like a drop in the ocean of their worries and it is hardly enough for two meals a day. The number of dependents add to their burdens.

The crux of the difficulty lies in the fact that however ambitious and hardworking a young man may be, he is not permitted by the University to take up a course in higher education by private study. This facility is allowed only to teachers and women, whereas a man has bigger responsibility to share and a bigger burden to bear. If this prerogative were sanctioned for these youngmen, many of them might attain a high standard of education and intellectual ability by private study.

Just as the Punjab University has granted Social Service degrees to the displaced persons, similarly it could allow this concession to students whose parents have been impoverished and who are being denied higher education on that account.

I appeal strongly to the University and higher Authorities of the Government to make a move in this direction and help those who are ready to help themselves.

—'A SUFFERER.

COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY

Drafting Committee's Talks With G. G.

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17.

The Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly met the Governor-General this afternoon to discuss various drafts on the compensation for property clause in the constitution bill. Agreement has already been reached to make compensation justiciable for all property other than zamindari.

Lobby reports indicate that though compensation for zamindari would not be justiciable, and would be fixed by the Legislature, fixation of its mount should be subject to approval by the Supreme Court or by the Governor-General who, before giving his decision, would in every case consult the Supreme Court.

A section of the Committee would not leave the final decision to the Governor-General who being the constitutional head would always act on the advice of his Ministers. In other words, the safeguard would leave the zamindars at the mercy of the party in power. This section would leave the final decision to the Supreme Court only. The Governor-General's offices are being used to reach unanimity on the question The Prime Minister was present at the meeting.

KANDIVLI, Aug. 17.—Independence Day was celebrated with great eclat at Kandivli. A function under the presidenship of Dr. Rasilal R. Thakar, President Bombay Suburban Residents Association, was held in the Kandivli Boys and Girls School hall.

Stressing the need to follow the footsteps of Gandhiji, Dr. Thakar said that every individual should cultivate the spirit of service and sacrifice.

OPEN AIR

Almost hidden away in the soft green moss on the bank of a tree-shaded glade, our attention was caught by a glimpse of vivid scarlet, which proved to be a little cluster of moisture-loving fungi, or Toadstools as they are more popularly called, looking like tiny umbrellas on their long, slender stems. The fungus thrives in shady damp places, and since it feeds on decaying animal or vegetable matter, we find it growing among fallen leaves, on rotten tree-stumps or on heaps of manure directly the rains come and there is sufficient moisture to cause decay. Unlike the trees and other flowering plants, the fungus does not require light for its growth, and we often find it sprouting up in damp, dark caves. Some types of fungi are very poisonous, while others are not only non-poisonous, but are delicious in flavour. In some countries as many as eighty different varieties are eaten, but so great is the fear of poisoning that most people are afraid to experiment with trying new types. It often happens that the more brightly coloured the fungus is, the more poisonous it is, so I am afraid that the ones we found which looked so beautiful against their background of moss, would probably have been no welcome addition to a meal!

—D.R.

NO SPEEDY APPROACH TO EUROPEAN UNION

Morrison Warns Against Reckless Jumps

CONSTRUCTIVE EVOLUTION, ONLY ROAD TO PROGRESS

STRASBOURG, Aug. 17 (UPA).

MR. HERBERT MORRISON, leader of the British delegation to the European Consultative Assembly, warned on Wednesday that progress towards a United Europe could be made only slowly and cautiously and not by "emotional and reckless jumps."

Morrison, who heads the British Labour Party in the House of Commons, spoke early in the second day of the general debate by the Consultative Assembly on changes in the political structure of Europe. His warning against rushing headlong into a European Union appeared intended to head off Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Premier and ardent supporter of a United Europe movement, who is scheduled to speak on Wednesday afternoon.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Morrison said: "We shall get nowhere if we expect of national electorates excesive and quite unreasonable sacrifices which they ought not to be asked to make. In whatever we do, we must pay full regards to the interests of individual member countries and I would add, as far as Britain is concerned, to ties which link us with the Commonwealth of Nations and to the responsibilities which we share with Belgium, France and the Netherlands for the welfare of the peoples of other continents, notably the great continent of Africa. Secondly, we must be sure that in all that we do we base ourselves on facts and realities."

Morison said he and other Labour members of the British delegation were supporting the motion to appoint a commission to give a "full and objective study of the proposals for a closer political union of Europe."

Today's debate was on a resolution, tabled by Mr. Churchill and supported by 24 other members, calling the Assembly to consider what changes are necessary in the political structure of Europe to achieve greater unity. Mr. Morrison's speech was another round in the struggle between those representatives who want quick action, if necessary, involving some surrender of national sovereignty, and those who call for caution.

Mr. James Dickson (Conservative, Sweden) pleaded briefly for less intolerance amongst the nations and a greater spirit of compromise. The Assembly then adjourned until 2 p.m. G.M.T. There are still 19 speakers to come, including Mr. Winston Churchill, (who is due to speak towards the end of the debate.

CHURCHILL'S CALL

Winston Churchill on Wednesday called for admission of Western Germany to the new Council of Europe at an extraordinary session next December or January. The former British Prime Minister made the proposal in a speech in the European Assembly, parliamentary branch of the new Council.

He said: "When we meet in the extraordinary session it is my hope that we shall find ourselves joined by a German delegation similar to that of those of other member states."

If it should prove impossible to admit Germany at the extraordinary session, Churchill suggested that at least the full question of its admission could be debated publicly at that time. Both the French and British Governments were expected to oppose admission of Western Germany so soon. They believed there should be longer probationary periods to make sure that Germany has abandoned all thought of further aggression.

SOCIALIST CHIEFS CONFER

Left Unity Talks

CALCUTTA, Aug. 17 (PTI).—The National Executive of the Socialist Party commenced its four-day session in Calcutta today. Dr. K. B. Menon presided and among those present were Acharya Narendra Deo, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, Mr. Asoka Mehta and Mr. Purshottamdas Tricumdas.

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, General Secretary, is understood to have reported on his recent talks with Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, and others in Calcutta on the question of Leftist unity. Mr. Asoka Mehta and Mr. Achyut Patwardhan also reported on the talks they had had with Mr. Bose and Mr. R. S. Ruikar.

Stop Press

BUILDING COLLAPSE

KANPUR, Aug. 17 (PTI).—One man was killed and four others seriously injured when the roof of a building housing a flour mill collapsed here today. The injured were rescued by the staff of the local fire brigade.

EUROPEAN ARMS AID BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UPA).—The $1,450,000,000 foreign military assistance programme easily cleared its first hurdle in the House today. By a roll call vote of 275 to 47 the House agreed to take up the bill immediately.

Priority For Sambasivan's Appeal

LONDON, Aug. 17, (PTI-Reuter): Every effort will be made for the appeal of Indian Trade Unionist, Sambasivan, now under sentence of death in Malaya, to be heard by the Privy Council during its next term, a Privy Council spokesman said today.

The Judicial Committee of the Council begins its next term on October 12 and sits until Christmas. Sambasivan will be given priority over non-capital appeals.

He was sentenced last April after conviction under Malayan Emergency Regulations for carrying arms, and was given leave to appeal to the Privy Council three weeks ago.

Indonesian Embassy In London

LONDON, Aug. 17, (UPI): The Indonesian office in London, it is learnt, will be changed into the Embassy of Indonesia before the end of this year. Dr. Soebandrio, who is now the Indonesian Representative in London, is expected to be the first Ambassador of Indonesia in England.

The Indonesian Office in London held reception today to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the declaration of Indonesian independence. Dr. Soebandrio and his wife were the host and hostess at the reception.

ORISSA ARRESTS

CUTTACK, August 17 (UPI): Sri Bijoy Kumar Pani, a member of the Working Committee of Utkal Provincial Congress and Secretary of the Singhbhum District Congress, was arrested by the Bihar police on August 14 at the Seni railway station on his way back from Seraikella.

It is understood that Sri Pani had been to Seraikella to make enquiries into the allegations of the Oriyas against the local administration.

Sri Hiralal Patnaik, President of the Seraikella Congress, was also arrested on the night of August 15, according to a report received here.

TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR

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to practise what it preaches at home, but fast."

She emphasised the need for cleaning up "our own backyard". "We will not win the confidence of Asia's dark-skinned millions, if they continue to read about discriminatory practices in America", she said.

Mrs. Renuka Ray stated that "democratic socialism is the real answer to Communism." Mahatma Gandhi, she said, had shown the way of bringing in democratic socialism without the need of a class struggle.

Mrs. Ray felt that besides the political aspect, "social and economic justice and equality of opportunity for all, not only as a principle but as a reality both for individuals and nations, is surely the very basis of democratic way."

ROBESON'S VIEWS

Answering a question on American singer Mr. Paul Robeson's statement that American labour would not fight in a war against Russia, Mrs. Sampson said: "Mr. Robeson spoke entirely for himself. He does not represent anybody."

Replying to another question, Mr. Hemingway said that he did not agree with Mrs. Renuka Ray's view that democratic socialism was the only way of fighting Communism.

The questioner who asked what would be America's attitude towards Red China got no reply.

Dr. Rao answering a question said that he was against a Marshall Plan for Asia. All international aid should be given through the United Nations.

Asked how democratic socialism that had failed in Germany could prove a success in India, Mrs. Renuka Ray replied that democratic socialism in Germany was a mere label for totalitarianism.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Mr. George V. Denny, leader of the delegation, said that by the slow process of hearing both sides of a question, "we hope to help Americans to develop a better understanding of it." He felt mankind had the capacity to enable it to arrive at judgment on problems facing it through a scientific approach.

Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru thanked the delegation on behalf of the Indian Council of World Affairs.

The American delegation which leaves for Calcutta tomorrow on its way to Manila is on a round-the-world tour.

Members of the diplomatic corps, including Mr. Loy Henderson, American Ambassador, were present at the meeting.

NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled from P.T.I., U.P.I., and U.P.A., News Despatches.

Revolutionary Dead

MR. PULIN DAS, well-known revolutionary worker and gymnast of Bengal, died at Calcutta on Wednesday He was 74.

As usual, Mr. Das went to his gymnasium in the afternoon to give lessons in sword and lathi display. On arrival there, he felt unwell and was removed to an adjoining house, where the end came soon.

'Charity' Refused

ABOUT SIX MAUNDS of sweets meant to be distributed among the refugees on behalf of the U. P. Government on the occasion of Independence Day, will now be distributed among orphans, disabled beggars and prisoners. The refugees, it is reported, have refused to accept the "charity"

Foreign Office Talks

MR. V. K. KRISHNA MENON, Indian High Commissioner to Britain, called on Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, at the Foreign Office on Wednesday. A usually reliable source said that they discussed the possibility of providing new buildings for the British High Commissioner in New Delhi.

'Delhi' Leaves

INDIA'S FLAGSHIP H.I.M.S. 'Delhi' which arrived in Madras for participating in the Independence Day celebrations left on Wednesday for Vizagapatam

Envoy to France

SARDAR H. S. MALIK, First Indian Ambassador to France, arrived at Cherbourg by the 'Queen Mary' from Canada, where he has been Ambassador for the past two years.

Floods Recede

THE FLOOD WATERS of the rivers Kamla and Balen in the Madhubani Sub-Division of the Darbhanga District have receded and train services between Rajnagar, Madhubani Ghoghardiha and Nirmali which had been temporarily suspended have been resumed.

Medical Squad

A THIRD PARTY of medical volunteers from India, consisting of four doctors and twelve medical students is now in Srinagar for relief work among villagers. The party will visit Lalab Valley shortly. A similar party is nuow on its way to Poonch in Jammu for relief work there.

Reforms For Khairpur

KHAIRPUR STATE, one of the two Punjab States which have acceded to Pakistan, will soon have constitutional reforms, it is announced. There willbe a Legislative Assembly consisting of fifteen elected members. One of the seats will be reserved for the representative of the members of the ruling family, to be chosen by them by election.

En Route To London

KING ABDULLAH OF JORDAN arrived in Alexandria on Wednesday on his way to London. He was met at the airport by the Egyptian Premier, Hussein Sirry Pasha, the Chief of the Royal Cabinet, Hassan Yussef Pasha, and the Arab League's Secretary Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha.

Magnetic Disturbances

IONOSPHERIC AND MAGNETIC disturbances are likely between August 21 and 25, according to a communication from the Kodiakanal Observatory received in Madras on Wednesday.

Reds Accused

POPE PIUS XII, by implication on Wednesday accused the Communists of "deplorable abuses" wherever they gain power. He made the attack while receiving the new Peruvian Ambassador to the Holy See, Felipe Ortocarrero, at the Papal summer residence here.

Murder Charge

THE ATLANTA (Georgia) city police filed murder charges against Hugh D. Gravitt, 29, taxi-driver, whose cab struck Margaret Mitchell, author of 'Gone with the Wind". Miss Mitchell died in hospital on Tuesday of fractured skull sustained when the cab knocked her down on Peach Tree Street last Thursday night.

I.L.O. Body

MR. S. LAL, Secretary, Central Ministry of Labour, said in Jharia that the mission sent out by the International Labour Organisation to study the Indian conditions of industries and labour at first hand would hold its first meeting in the coming winter in Mysore.

Congressman Arrested

MR. BIJOY KUMAR PANI, a member of the Utkal Provincial Congress Committee, was arrested by the Bihar police at Sini railway station on Sunday last.

Poet Honoured

MR VILLATHOL NARAYANA MENON, Poet Laureate of Kerala, was welcomed in Madras by the Malayalee residents on Wednesday and they presented him a purse and a souvenir to commemorate his seventieth birthday.

Confidence Vote

M. GASTON EYSKEN'S week old Catholic-Liberal Government of Belgium on Wednesday won a two-to-one vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies tonight after a two-day debate on its programme.

Reciprocal Tour

INDIAN UNIVERSITIES professors will shortly visit the United States to deliver lectures at American Universities on a reciprocal basis, it was learned in Lucknow.

HELSINKI, Aug. 17 (UPA).—Socialist Prime Minister Karl Fagerholm rushed back to Helsinki on Wednesday, in the face of a threatened general strike and reports of a shake-up in the Communist party leadership.

A Federalist Says

U.S. POLICY IS NEGATIVE AND AMATEUR

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17 (PTI).—Mr. Harris Wofford, leader of the American World Federalist Movement, today described the American foreign policy as "negative and amateur". He pleaded for the establishment of a World Federal Government through Gandhian methods.

The world Federal State, he said, was the only alternative to the two "big power giants, America and Russia."

Mr. Wofford, who was addressing a press conference here prior to his departure for Karachi tonight, said: "The United States Foreign policy does not offer any real answers to the problems of equality and unification. The Marshall Plan, our one worthwhile, positive effort, is a local stopgap and insufficient programme."

The majority of American people, he added, would oppose "American world domination as well as Russian."

He said that no response had yet been received from Russia towards the World Federalist Movement.

Mr. Wofford and his wife, who is also a leader of the American World Federalist movement, saw Pandit Nehru today. They have been in India for the last six months studying Indian economic conditions and the history of the Indian National Congress under Mahatma Gandhi.

Four representatives from India, including the Socialist leader Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, will attend the World Federalist Congress to be held in Sweden in September.

WANTED A NEW ERA OF CONSERVATION

Plea At Scientific Conference

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 17 (UPA)—United States Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug told the opening session of the United Nations Scientific Conference today that the world needs a "new era in conservation"—a period of time in which destruction of the last war "will be wiped out in the memory of man."

He was one of the speakers at the first meeting of the three-week conference on conservation and utilization of resources which will be attended by some 700 scientists representing 50 countries. The Soviet Union declined an invitation to participate.

"It is time that we start with a new era in conservation..there is not the slightest question in my mind that scientists and engineers can find and develop food, fuels and materials to meet demands of the world's increasing population with a greatly improved standard of living."

Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, echoed Krug's statements

BIGGEST DEMONSTRATION EVER IN BATAVIA

50,000 Women And Children As Patriots Cheer The Republic

BATAVIA August 17, (PTI-Reuter):

SCORES of women and children fainted when 50,000 cheering Indonesians gathered outside Republican heaquarters in Batavia today to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Indonesian Republic.

According to Republican observers, it was the biggest demonstration seen in Batavia since formation of the Indonesian Republic was announced.

Ministers and United Nations representatives who were to take part in the ceremonies were unable to reach the headquarters because of the crowds and the scheduled programme had to be given up.

No incidents were reported and the crowd later peacefully dispersed.

Reports from Jogjakarta Radio said that the anniversary was being celebrated in the Republican capital.

SOAEKARNO DEMANDS

President Soakarno of Indonesia declared today that the coming Round Table Conference on Indonesia at The Hague was designed firstly to arrive at an over all settlement and secondly to transfer "real, complete and unconditional sovereignty to the people of Indonesia."

He was speaking over the Jogjakarta Radio on the fourth anniversary of the Indonesian Republic.

"An overall settlement is the only way to settle the conflict and end disorder", he said.

"The Indonesian people should therefore be united whatever might come and whatever be the outcome of The Hague Conference", he added "A prosperous independent Indonesia achievable only by the united efforts of the whole Indonesian people."

Various members of the consul corp in Batavia flew down to the Republican Capital to call on President Soekarno and gree him, a report from Jogjakarta said. Among these was the Indian Consul Major-General S C. Alagappan and the Australian and British representatives.

Pandit Nehru, India had severed her diplomatic relations with Holland when that country violated the truce pact with Indonesian Republic and took up the issue at the Security Council of the U.N.O. India thus had always supported the cause of Indonesian freedom and Pandit Nehru had realised that the close cultural, economic and political affinities that existed between the Asiatic countries should be strengthened.

THE LAST ONE

Wishing happiness and prosperity to Indonesians with the dawn of their freedom, Mr. Mehta said that the conference convened by the Dutch Government at the Hague between the Indonesians and the Dutch Government would be the last conference of its kind to settle their dispute. Indonesians, he said, would not any longer submit to the tyranny of the Dutch Imperialism. Indians hoped and prayed that this conference would bring a lasting settlement and Indonesians would enjoy long years of peace and prosperity in their glow of freedom, Mr. Mehta added.

Mr. M. Y. Nurie, Vice-President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, recalled the long cultural ties between India and Indonesia and said that it was but in fitness of things that the brave Indonesians should draw inspiration from India in their struggle for freedom. India had always watched with keen sympatny and active interest the heroic struggle waged by the Indonesians for their independence and had taken concrete steps to render whatever help she could give to deliver Indonesia from the yoke of foreign rule. Indians realised that so long as Asiatic countries were not freed from the bondage of foreign Imperialism, there could be no lasting peace and prosperity in the world.

Mr. Nurie hoped that Indonesians would soon enjoy the freedom that India was enjoying today with the successful termination of the conference in Holland between the Republican Governments of Indonesia and the Dutch Government.

Mr. Joachim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay, declared that no power on earth could hold a brave and freedom-loving people like Indonesians in bondage.

Dr. A. H. Kazi and Mrs. Kulsum Sayani also spoke.

INDIA GREETS INDONESIA

Celebrations In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Warm greetings were extended to the Indonesians on behalf of India by various speakers at a public meeting held today to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Indonesian Independence.

Presiding over the meeting, which was held under the joint auspices of the Indonesian League of India and the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. G. L. Mehta, Vice-President of the League, explained the significance of the day and said that the best friend of Indonesians in their struggle for freedom was the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. At the instance of

ACCIDENTALLY ELECTROCUTED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Salvador Mathews, a servant of Mr. K. A. Somji, a city barrister residing at Walkeshwar, Bombay, was accidentally electrocuted when he attempted to open a refrigerator.

The Gamdevi police reported that another servant of the house found Salvador lying in a collapsed state with his left hand holding the handle of the refrigerator.

He was rushed to the G. T. Hospital, but died before he could be admitted.

LIAQUAT DIDN'T SAY THAT

Echo Of The Flag Incident

KARACHI, Aug. 16, (PTI-Reuter): An "authoritative version" was today circulated by the Associated Press of Pakistan of the remarks made by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, while addressing the crowd which created disturbances on August 15 over the flying of the Indian Union Flag.

Th agency reported that the Prime Minister admonished the crowd and said that they should not have taken the law into their hands, but should have gone to him with whatever grievances they had in the matter. He regretted that the police had to resort to firing which resulted in one person being killed and a few persons being injured.

At this stage some persons in the crowd shouted, "He has been killed for the honour of the Pakistan Flag and is a martyr". The Prime Minister replying to this remark said, "If so, then you should go home and pray for his soul, and as far as the honour of the Pakistan Flag is concerned, I will be the first to sacrifice my life if an occasion arose for it".

Finally, the Prime Minister advised the crowd to disperse to their homes and assured that he would order a judicial inquiry immediately into the affair. He added that if anybody as a result of this enquiry was found guilty, he would not escape punishment.

It was reported on Tuesday that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan had "asked the crowd to go back and pray for the diseased" whom he described as "a martyr in the cause of safeguarding the honour of the Pakistan Flag".

"IMPROPER" TO FLY TRICOLOUR

"Dawn's" Comment

KARACHI, August 17, (PTI-Reuter): The Karachi newspaper "Dawn" today condemned Monday's anti-Indian incident when a mob tried to break into the Indian High Commissioners' staff quarters here, but at the same time criticises Indians for flying their flag "on the top of a building where it was improper to hoist it."

"No amount of patriotic fervour can justify mob violence and deliberate defiance of those who are responsible for the maintenance of law and order "Dawn" said. "In this particular case, it was all the more imperative for the police to resort to serere action because of the attitude of the mob, which gravely threatened the safety of life and limb of a large number of Indian nationals now serving in our country as members of the staff of the Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan.

"Whatever our relations may be with India, and however bitter our people may feel against the Government for their many and repeated unfriendly acts, it is the sacred duty or our Government and also of the people to ensure that Indians living in our midst are as safe and secure as Pakistanis themselves".

"Dawn" criticised the Indians for flying their flag" on top of a building where it was improper to hoist it."

Income Tax Body's Report

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The Commission dealing with exemption of certain limit of income dian income-tax law is unrelated to the tax-payer's ability to pay. For example, a bachelor and a married man, a man with a large family and a man with no family are alike granted the exemption. "A logical application of the principle of ability to pay", it is stated, "will certainly require something like the allowances system of the English law related to the domestic responsibilities of each tax-payer."

For this purpose, it is suggested that if and when agricultural income tax becomes a regular part of provincial finance, an assessee's whole income, whether agricultural or non-agricultural, will have to be taken into account and a system devised by which both categories of income could be brought under a single machinery of assessment and recovery, though the proceeds might afterwards be shared between the Centre and the Provinces.

ECONOMIC EFFECTS

In framing the income-tax law, the Commission adds, consideration has to be given not merely to the revenue aspect, but also to the possible economic effects of any course proposed to be adopted. For instance, in the case of resident, if external income is excluded from taxation, it may tend to encourage the investment abroad of capital which may otherwise be employed within the country and to its advantage on the other hand, in the case of non-residents, the imposition of a tax even on income derived within the country may affect the investment of foreign capital within the country; and if their foreign income also is to be taken into account (either as being assessable or at least an element in determining the rate at which internal income is to be taxed), it is a fortiori bound to affect the flow of foreign capital into the country.

As regards other categories of "non-residents", the report states that it may be necessary to consider, in due course, the justification for or propriety of continuing the discrimination made in favour of British subjects and the appropriate manner of dealing with residents of French and Portuguese possessions in India and of Pakistan and Burma and Ceylon, who may have sources of income in India.

FOR HINDU FAMILY

The Commission feels that the Hindu undivided family needs relief so that persons who would otherwise be prepared to continue undivided may not be driven to seek division with a view to escaping or minimizing taxation. It, therefore, recommends when an undivided family is assessed as a unit, the non-taxable maximum, both in respect of income tax and super tax, should be at least twice that prescribed for individual assessments. Where, however, the undivided brothers are four or more than four , the non-taxable maximum for both income tax and super tax should be thrice that fixed for individual assessments.

Referring to the system of advance payments, which was introduced during the war as an anti-inflationary measure, the Commission states that circumstances today being no better, it is unable to recommend repeal of the provision. It, however, refers for Government's examination two suggestions received from the public.

SUBSTITUTION

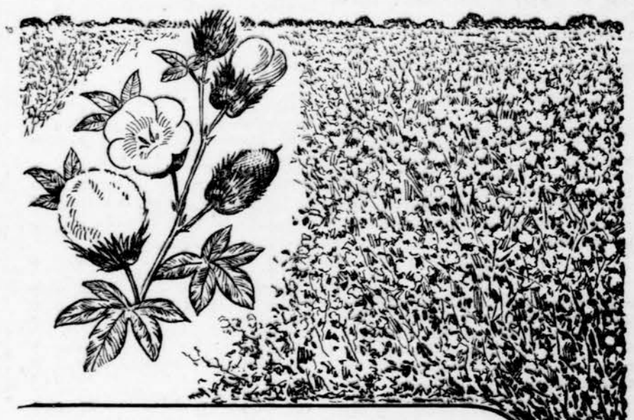
The first is to substitute for the present provision another requiring "payment on accrued income as computed by the assessee himself while putting in his return of income." The other is that fifty percent of profit for the year, based either on the last assessed income or on the assessee's estimate, should be subjected to advance payment of tax and carry interest at two percent as at present.

Any deficit in the figure must be subjected to penal interest at six percent and to penalties also in the case of gross under-estimate or wilful negligence without any reasonable cause or excuse. The assessees should, however, be induced to pay as high a figure as possible over the fifty percent basic profit by being given some greater attraction than at present.

DELAY IN DISPOSAL

Dealing with complaints about delay in the disposal of assessees' claims for refund, the Commission states that it should be possible to expedite this work with some planning and proper supervision. Where the staff is inadequate, it should be brought to the strength required for quick disposal.

It should be impressed on some Income Tax Officers, it suggests that the disposal of refund applications is as important a part of their duty as that of making assessments and that serious notice would be taken of any dereliction of this duty. In order, in some measure, to compensate applicants for refund, for delay in making refunds, the report states that they would be entitled, after the expiry of six months from the date of receipt of the application to interest at two percent on the sum found due to them, unless the applicant himself is mainly responsible for the delay in the disposal of the application.



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FURTHER RISE IN SUGAR PRICES IN HAPUR MARKET

Oil & Oilseeds Remain Quiet But Steady

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR, Aug. 15.

Indian sugar an markets remained very steady during the week under review and there has been a gain in prices everywhere although it varies from 3 to 6 per bag or 1-8 to 2-4 per maund.

The rise has been some what spectacular at Amritsar, Muzafarnagar, Agra and Bombay. Everywhere there is increased demand, stockists and profiteers are active to lay their hands on what they can get while millers are keeping reserve except for all that they have to release under orders of the Indian Sugar Syndicate.

Of the accusition that Indian Sugar Syndicate is responsible for the present rise in prices, the Syndicate has explained that with considerably more sugar available for consumption this year, with excellent despatches and the Sundicate's released for sale 90 per cent of the total production of its members this year in addition to their entire carryover from the last year, the fault lay elsewhere. There has been increased consumption this year because of timely despatches and hoarding too because of speculative activities.

OTHER MARKETS

Advices received from different centres indicate that there nas been an advance of Rs. 2 per maund at Amritsar, of 3 to 6 per bag at Juliundur and 6 to 7 per bag at Ambala. At Jullundur demand was far heavier than supply while at Ambala in anticipation of the rise the stock in the local market was cornered by a single firm which is offering for resale only at a handsome premium. Besides speculators are active buyers. At Delhi demand and supply have maintained normal standard but the undertone remained steady in sympathy with other markets. Here are the latest quotations; Ambala 31-12 to 35, Amritsar 31-12 to 34-6, Delhi 34-7 to 35 and Jullundur 32-4 to 34.

In the U.P. Kanpur remained very steady due to pressure of purchase from all sides. On the other hand sellers maintained a stiff attitude in releasing the stock of sugar in their hands. Prices of various grades rose from 1 to 1-8 per maund. There was good local clearance as also heavy despatches by rail to distant markets on the G.I.P. etc. At Hapur mills were selling at a premeum of about 6 per bag while the advance at Agra ranged between 1-2 to 1-14 per maund. At Muzafarnagar arrivals were normal but sales were very good while at Meerut both were normal. At Mathura purchases in the first instance were good but the enthusiasm decreased later. Here are the quotations: Agra 32-6 to 34-2, Hapur 31-8 to 33-12, Kanpur 32-10 to 35-12, Mathura 33 to 35-4, Meetrut 31-12 to 34 and Muzafarnagar 32-6 to 33-8.

INCREASED CONSUMPTION

Of the other markets Patna advanced on higher Kanpur and Calcutta advices and Madras on increasing difficulties in obtaining stocks from the U.P. and Bihar due to advancing rates. Bombay was firm due to increased speculative activity. A Calcutta reports says "The consumption of sugar increased to such an extent that already there was talk in the market that India may have to import sugar from abroad. The latest quotations are: Calcutta 34-12 to 37-12, Patna 34-3 to 36-6, Madras 38-3 to 38-9 and Bombay 106-8 to 115 for bold grain and 104-8 for ordinary grain per bag.

GUR

In the ready section gur markets remained very steady throughout the province and elsewhere also recording a further gain in prices. This is due to many causes, low stocks in the assembling centres, very good spot demand from all deficit areas, good despatches and a sharp and continued rise in the crystal sugar prices.

The latest quotations from different centres are: Amritsar 12-3 (wet and deformed)) to 20 per maund, Jullundur 16 to 19, Ambala Khurpaar 19 to 20, and Pansera 16-8 to 19 and Delhi 18 to 19. Every where there was excellent demand and the reluctance of the stock holders to part with except on a fair gain. In the U.P. prices ranged between 21 at Kanpur and 18-8 at Meerut. At Hapur first grade gur is quoted at 20 while kotha stocked at 18-8. Of the other stations Calcutta is recording continued gain. There chakku is now quoted at 21-8 and Eranakolam 19-8.

In the forward section movements were rather erratic far no reason other than speculative whims. Prices rose and fell within a ten anna per maund range. The week open with a very steady undertone but it was followed by a sharp decline on the remour that substantially lower rates may be fixed for cane and crystal sugar in the coming season. At lower levels there was considerable speculative covering with a consequent price recovery. From 12-4 the price rose to 12-5-11, fell to 11-12 but has since recovered to 11-15. The undertone continues to be uncertain despite quite assuring crop reports.

OIL AND OILSEEDS

The market remained quiet to steady there being no mentionable change in the quotations. There has been active demand for mustard oil. Arrivals and demand for sarson continues to be very little and there has been negligible business on that account. The latest quotations are: sarson 31, taraseed 26 to 24, mustardoil 82 linsed oil 55, and groundnut 18. There has been a gain in the oilcake price to 10-8.

BARDANA

The undertone has remained very steady and there has been an advance in the quotations on higher Calcutta advises. Asuj is now uoted at 102-8 and Sept. at 118-8. There was good speculative business.

BULLION

The market remained quiet for most of the period on continued sale of silver by the Reserve Bank in Bombay and consequent depressing news from there. The offtake has been quiet. The fact that quite high price tenders are being received by the Bank is encouraging bulls activities. After an early set back prices have recorded some advance. Gold has of late been particularly steady. Present quotations are: Silver 152-14 and Gold 109-8.

DYES AND CHEMICALS

BOMBAY, August 16.

(From: Chatrabhuj K. Mavji)

BARREL PACKING

	Rs.	a.	p.
SAPTHOLS			
CAS	6	12	0
CBO	11	12	0
CSW	10	12	0
CBS	9	8	0
CSG	15	8	0
Fast Scarlet CKRC Base	8	0	0
Fast Scarlet CKR Base	9	0	0
Fast Red CB Base	11	8	0
Fast Red CKCR Base	12	0	0
Fast Garnet CKGBC Base	3	8	0
Fast Yellow CGC Base	7	8	0
Fast Corinth CB Base	6	4	0
Fast Orange CGC Base	9	8	0
Fast Orange CKGR Base	8	0	0
Fast Bordeaux CGP Base	12	0	0
Fast Bordeaux CGP Salt	6	8	0
Fast Scarlet CKR Salt	4	0	0
Fast Blue CB Salt	4	0	0
DIRECT COLOURS			
Direct Black Extra	3	4	0
Direct Green Extra	4	0	0
Direct Violet Extra	4	8	0
Direct Yellow 4GL	11	8	0
Direct Sky Blue Extra	7	0	0
Direct Rubin	5	12	0
Direct Orange Extra	6	8	0
Direct Brown	4	4	0
Diazo Black Extra	4	8	0
Crysophenine Extra	10	0	0
Benzopurpurine 4B	3	8	0
Congo Red Extra	3	4	0
Turquoise Blue G	11	0	0
SULPHUR COLOURS			
Sulphur Black 692	1	11	0
Sulphur Black 992	1	8	0
Sulphur Black HK Grains	1	12	0
Methylene Blue Extra	5	0	0
Mentanil Yellow Elephat	2	8	0
Mentanil Yellow Extra	5	0	0
Methyl Violet Lumps	4	0	0
Pankaj Magenta MCK Lumps	7	0	0
Magenta Extra 0	8	4	0
Diamond Green	7	0	0
Bismark Brown Extra	3	4	0
Malachite Green Crys.	5	4	0
Chrosodine Extra	4	0	0
Auramine Extra	5	12	0
Acid Orange Extra	2	2	0
Acid Scarlet	4	0	0
Rhodamine B Extra 500 p.c.	20	0	0
Kumkum Scarlet	5	0	0
Soap Green	18	0	0
VAT FAST DYES			
Vat Blue CCD Powder	32	0	0
Vat Blue RSN Powder	58	0	0
Vat Blue Dark Blue BO	24	0	0
Vat Blue Brlt. Green B900	27	0	0
Vat Blue Brlt Green 2100 Power	65	0	0
Vat Blue Brilt. Green B3200	115	0	0
Vat Magenta B Powder	35	0	0
Yellow 50	45	0	0
Vat Blue Olive Green Powder	20	0	0
Vat Blue Grey Powder	20	0	0
Vat Brown	20	0	0
Vat Violet 4 R Powder	62	0	0
Vat Violet 2R	62	0	0
PRINTING COLOURS			
Printosol C Conc	16	0	0
Printosol CO 4B	14	0	0
Golden Yellow	30	0	0
Printosol Green Paste	40	0	0
Rapid Red	14	0	0
Orange	14	0	0
Yellow	14	0	0
Alizarine 20 p.c. Paste	135	0	0
Alizarine 100 p.c. Powder	7	8	0
Indigo 60 p.c. Grains American	3	15	0
Indigo 60 p.c. Grains 1 lb. pkg.	4	8	0
CHEMICALS			
Hydrosulphite of Soda	1	14	0
Bisulphite of Soda	48	0	0
Turkey Red Oil	45	0	0
Monopal Napthol Soap	45	0	0
Salicic Acid	135	0	0
Soda Bicarb	19	8	0
Soda Ash Light U.S.A.	15	0	0
Ammonia Bicarb Powder	42	0	0
Ammonia Chloride	32	0	0
White Sugar of Lead	105	0	0
Brown Sugar of Lead	95	0	0
Tri Sodium Phosphate	45	0	0
Bleaching Powder	21	0	0
Sodium Sulphide English	31	0	0
Sodium Sulphide Indian small	34	0	0
Sulphate of Alumina (Pure)	17	8	0
Aniline Salt	1	2	0
Bichromate of Potash	140	0	0
Caustic Soda 1 lb pkg.	0	5	0
Caustic Soda 450 lbs pkg	30	0	0
Acetic Acid	1	0	0
Formal De Hyde	0	7	0
Zinc Dust	85	0	0
Borax Crys.	26	0	0
Nitrate of Soda	45	0	0
Rongalite C	1	12	0

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (UPA): The stock market gained ground Tuesday on light turnover ending three consecutive days of decline under favourable developments contributed notably by the strong plea by Emil Scram, President of the New York Stock Exchange for "better treatment taxwise for the investment of the dollar" and the prediction that Secretary of Labour Tobin that employment will increase decidedly in the next six months.

Steady prices in the London Exchange added to a generally favourable undertone here.

Gains in industrials ranged to 2-3/4 points, with Monsato Chemicals preferred making a new high for the year.

One of last week's soft spots, rubber shares, was in the van in the advance on Tuesday. Steels and oils were undisturbed while motors were strong on spot. Rails eased small fractions.

The volume of trading amounted to 830,000 shares. Of 972 issues traded, 397 advanced, 298 declined and 277 remained unchanged. There were 45 new highs, three new lows. The turnover in bonds came to dol. 3,350,000. Curb sales amounted to 230,000.

NEW YORK CLOSING STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, August 16.

Texas Gulf Sulphur	65
Tidewater oil	22 3/4
Timken Roller Bearings	40
Union Carbide	39 1/2
U. S. Industrial Chemical	23 1/4 bid
U. S. Gypsum	105
U. S. Steel Pref.	133
Western Union "A"	13 5/8
West Pennsylvani Electric	23 7/8
Youngstown Sheet and Tube	63
Aluminum Corp	50 1/2
American Cyanamide	44 5/8
American Gas and Electic	44 7/8
Brazilian Traction	17 1/4
Consolidated Gas of Baltimore	66
Louisiana Land	22 5/8
Baltimore and Ohio (B.I.D.)	9 1/4

LONDON STOCKS

LONDON, August 16.

2-1/2 % British Consols	£73
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	£98-1/2
4% Funding Loan 1960/90	£108-1/2
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan 1952	£96-1/2
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China	£10-3/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank loan Reg.	£86-1/2
National Bank of India	£33-3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,398.

London Silver Spot and Forward 43|1/2 d.

Gold Bars fine per oz. £8|12|3

Australian Wheat bulk 89|7-1/2 Augl Sept.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON August 16.

T.T. London on

	Selling	Buying
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.54	17.36
Sweden	14.47 to	14.50

CRUDE RUBBER

NEW YORK, August 16, (U.P.A.): E.C.A. today announced the purchase of 21,000 long tons of crude rubber for United States strategic stock pile with 18,463,000 dollars of E.C.A. funds.

The purchase was made through the London rubber market and paid for in pound sterling from E.C.A. counterpart funds which money collected by the British government from the sale of Marshall Plan goods.

CONTROL ON COTTON CROP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (U.P.A.): The Senate completed Congressional action on Tuesday on the bill to permit controls on cotton crop. The bill now goes to President Truman.

It provides for a national referendum of cotton planters on whether to impose controls whenever production tops demand. Two-thirds of those voting would have to approve the system before it could become effective.

Under the Cotton Controls, the crop next year could not be reduced to less than 21,500,000 acres compared with upwards of 26,000,000 acres this year.

Future crops would be based on the land required to produce 10,000,00 bales or 1,000,000 bales below the domestic consumption plus exports whichever is smaller.

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES

CHICAGO, August 16. (U.P.A.): Wheat prices weakened at the close of the Chicago Board of Trade session today, retreating rather sharply under liquidation by longs, discouraged by the slow development of new buying.

Corn showed relative steadiness.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO August 16:

Sept.	1.98-3/4
Dec.	2.03-1/2
March	2.04--1/4
May	1.99-3/4

WORTH STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, August 16. (U.P.A.) Cotton goods merchants reported continuing interest in print cloths, Osnaburgs and broadcloths on the Worth Street market today, but indicated the overall rate of buying was not up to the standard witnessed during recent weeks.

The extension of deliveries into the fourth quarter of the year for any number of constructions apparently caused some manufacturers to hesitate on commitments for that far ahead.

Some quarters said they preferred to wait for a test of consumer reaction to higher prices when recent purchases of grey goods begin to flow into wholesale and retail channels six to eight weeks hence.

Basic 80 square four yard print was held at 18 1/4 cents, September delivery with some fourth quarter business booked around 1/4 cent lower.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, August 16 (UPA): Cotton traders packed all action during Tuesday's market into the last half hour. Earlier, the market witnessed one of the quietest and narrowest sessions of the year, but the final spurt was at the expense of values.

Traders swung over to the selling side in company with the sharp reaction in grains and the news that the House Agriculture Committee had started consideration of legislation designed to put new restrictions over commodity trading.

The New York Cotton Exchange service bureau Tuesday estimated that the domestic consumption of all cotton in July amounted to 460,000 bales or 140,000 bales under June and compared with 627,000 bales in July last year.

The sharp drop in mill use was not unexpected because of mill vacations and the curtailment programme in effect.

The sharp pick-up in textile buying in recent weeks, however, was expected to be reflected in heavier consumption totals.

The market opened two higher to three lower and closed nine to 12 lower.

Closing prices included:

DELIVERY	PR. CLOSE	OPENING	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Oct.	30.05	30.03	30.05	29.90	29.94
Dec.	29.89	29.96	29.99	29.82	29.86
Mar.	29.95-96	29.96	29.96	29.80	29.83
May	29.84	29.85	29.86	29.71	29.75
July	29.18	29.20	29.22	29.05	29.06
Oct.	27.28	27.25	27.27	27.11	27.11 bid
Dec.	27.18 bid	27.10 bid	27.15	27.15	27.02 bid
NEW ORLEANS					
Oct.	29.98	29.95 bid	29.97	29.84	29.86-87
Dec.	29.91	29.89	29.91	29.76	29.79
Mar	29.89	29.86 bid	29.88	29.74	29.77 bid
May	29.77	29.74 bid	29.79	29.63	29.65 bid
July	29.10	29.06	29.11	28.95	28.98 bid
Oct.	29.21 bid	27.15	27.17	27.03	27.04-05
Dec.	—	—			

Spot Cotton, New York 32.19 nom. Spot Cotton, New York 31.10 nom.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Slightly Easier Conditions

CALCUTTA, Aug. 17.

—The market ruled slightly easier with regard to the speculative stocks while others remained more or less unaltered

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.—

GOVT. SECURITIES—Three per cent Loan 1986 98|2, three per cent Loan 1951-54 101|12, three per cent Loan 1953-55 101|11, three per cent Loan 1959-61 101|2, three per cent Loan 1963-65 100|4, three per cent Loan 1970-75 99|15, four per cent Loan 1960-70 110|4 slot

BANKS—Calcutta National 12-8, Hind 26-8, Hindusthan Commercial 21.

COTTONS—Cawnpore Textiles 8-14, Dunbar 180, Elgin Mills 17, Keosram 15, New Victoria ordy 2-6 do pret 4-3.

COALS—Amalgamated 25-11, Bengal 435 (ex div), Burrakur 13-2, Central India 6, Dhemo Main 14-2, Equitable 41, New Beerbhoom 15-12, Pench Valley 23-4 (ex. div), Raneegunge 10-15, Sendra 10-2, South Karanpura 28-8, Talcher 3-9, Western Bengal 5-2.

JUTES—Anglo-India 177, Barnagore 185, Belvedere 232, Cheviot 218, Dalhousie 146 sl. Howrah 24-10, India 130, Kanknarrah 177, Kelvin 295, Kinison 155, odd lots National 22-8, Nuddea 64-8, Reliance 18-9, Union 202.

MISCELLANEOUS—Burma Corpn. 2-7, Consolidated Tins annas 14, Indian Copper, 2-4, Tavoy Tin annas 11, Karanpura Dev 24-8, Sone Valley Cement 5-15, Alkali and Chemical 9-14, Calcutta Elec. 16, Arthur Butler 10-14 ct. Braithwaite and Co. 3-2, Burn and Co. 244, Indian Iron 24-13, Jessop and and Co. 14-15, Kumardhubi Eng. 8-6, Saran Eng. 8-3 ex div. Steel Corpn. 18-14, Textile Machinery 6-13, B. I. Corpn. 8-12, Calcutta Trams 14-14, F. and C. Osler 4-14, Indian National Airways 5-4, Indian Wood Products 25-4, Jardine Henderson 153, Martin Burn 15-12, Metal Corpn. 3-14, National Insulated Cable 6-3, British Burma Petrol 1-7, Titaghur Paper 31-2, Midnapore Zemindary 64, Assam Saws 9-6, India General Navgn. 101 cum div. India Steamship 7-14.

SUGARS—Balrampur 6-8, Belsund 3-2, Carew 9, Murree Brewery 8-6, Dyer Meakin Brewery 9-12.

TEAS—Baitakhal 3-4, Banarhat 267, Bishnauth 32, Dufflaghur 21-14, Singtom 5, Tezpur 18-10.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, Aug. 17 (PTI)—Following are today's quotations in the Stock Exchange:—

Government of India Loan:—Three per cent paper 97-12, Three per cent 1970-75 100, Three per cent 1966-68 100|4, Government of Travancore three per cent 1952-54 100|12, Government of Madras three per cent 1960 99|15|6, Three per cent 1956 100|8.

BANKS—Travancore 14-1.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES—Deccan 15-10, Mysore 39-8.

PLANTINGS—Blue Mountain 2-2-6, Chembras 4-6, Cochin Malabar 3-14, Pullangode 1-1, Thirumbadi 1-6, T. R. and T. Co. 4-3, Vaikundam 4-4.

TEXTILES—Balasubramania 37-4, Bangalore Woollen 206-8, Buckingham 143, Cambodia 9-10, Coimbatore Cm. 114-8, Coimbatore Pioneer 119, Coimbatore Spg. 44-12, Janardhana 47-8, Lakshmi 62, Madura 38-8, Mettur 302-8, Mysore Spun. 5, Pankaja 86, Radha Krishna 137-8, Rajalakshmi 53-8, Ranga Vilas 44, Trav. Rayons 3-8, Trichinopoly 10-4, Vasantha 100.

MISCELLANEOUS—Andha Cement 66-4, Fact 4-5, Mettur Chem 6-1, Spencer 10-8.

C. R. Thanks Pakistan

NEW DELHI, August 16, (P.T.I.): Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, replying to the message of the felicitations on Independence Day from the Governor-General of Pakistan said: "I thank your Excellency sincerely for the felicitations and good wishes sent on the occasion of our Independence Anniversary. My Government and people join fully in your Excellency's hope for increasingly happy and friendly relations."

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (UPA):—Black pepper futures Tuesday closed inactive and nominally unchanged to two cents lower.

The spot market was dull and nominally unchanged.

Grinder and other buying interest slackened to near halting point while sellers were equally slow to offer because of higher replacement basis in primary markets.

Spot black pepper was quoted around dol. 1.37 per pound with September and October arrivals quoted at dol. 1.36 and dol. 1.35 lower respectively.

White pepper was held unchanged at dol. 1.80.

Closing prices included:

September dol. 1.42 asked; October dol. 1.40 asked: December dol. 1.28 nom, January dol. 1.18 nom. March dol. 1.03 nom, May 94 cents nom.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Aug. 16, (UPA): The pepper market continued to slide with white down dol. 3 to dol. 498 and black down dol. 10 to dol. 400 per picul of 133.3 lbs. ex godown basis.

NEW YORK RUBBER

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (UPA):—Rubber futures faltered after a new high for the movement with September reaching 17 cents per pound with the late setback attributed mainly to technical realizing and pause in trade and speculative demand.

Factory demand in the spot market slackened overnight but dealers said the slow-down was due to a paucity of shipment offerings and indicated the existence of good underlying buying interest.

The steadiness of London was emphasized by the news that ECA had purchased 21,000 tons of stockpile rubber there or 6,000 more than the trade expected.

Talk of a possible "squeeze" in September delivery has increased in view of the shortage of top grade and relatively large open interest remaining in that month.

The concensus of opinion still appears to favour the upside. Today's session closed two to 10 points lower. There were 145 sales. The spot price was quoted at 16-15/16 nom.

COPRA MARKET

NEW YORK, August 16. (U.P.A.): The copra market continued to harden on Tuesday. Following sales at $180 per short ton, c.i.f. Pacific cost for nearby material, holders were reported to be asking $190 per ton.

In cocoanut oil, crushers held August material at 16 1/2 cents, for the first half of September, 15 1/2 cents, for straight September and 15 cents, for October 14 cents f.o.b. mills.

American Federation Of Labour To Honour Nehru

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16, (P.T.I.): The American Federation of Labour, a powerful labour organisation of America, is inviting Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister to be the guest of honour at its Convention in October.

Disclosing this in a letter to Prof. Ranga, Mr. Jay Lovestone, Executive Secretary of A.F.L. says that the Convention will "not only speak out clearly and forcefully on the problems and needs of democracy in the Far East, but will also propose active steps for immediate material assistance to India and other freedom-loving nations in the orient."

Expedition To Antarctic Postponed

WASHINGTON, August 16, (UPA): The Navy today "postponed" its expedition to the Antarctic which it had scheduled for this fall.

Navy Undersecretary Dean Kimball said the expedition was indefinitely postponed for "compelling reasons of economy."

The Navy had been planning for the expedition for more than a year and had named it "Task Force 66". Rear Admiral Richard Byrd, veteran Polar explorer, would have commanded it. Some 3,500 men and eight ships had been earmarked for the task force. The objective of the expedition would have been to map the vast areas of unknown territory in the Antarctic about the size of Europe.

GRAM PANCHAYAT RAJ

By Dr. K. N. Katju

On this fifteenth of August, the Second Anniversary of our Independence, much will be said and written throughout India. There will be, I have no doubt, plenty of introspection and the economic ills from which the country is suffering with the rest of the world, will receive adequate consideration.

I hope also that esteemed friends will point out the extreme impropriety and even danger of weighing freedom in scales, golden or otherwise, for the simple reason that a country's political freedom is not weighable or assessable in any form whatsoever. It stands by itself in solitary grandeur.

It was said in the Vedas—something which to our national misfortune we seemed to have forgotten all these centuries—that it was an act of impiety, an act contrary to 'dharma', and sinful for an Aryan to live in a country ruled by aliens. This was put in absolute terms without qualification of any kind whatsoever.

In these difficult days when, for many, life is becoming almost an intolerable burden, men's minds are likely to wander; and like a sick man in despair, one becomes apt to take to any quack, who predicts a complete cure, even though some vital limbs may be lost in the process of cure.

There is accordingly a great danger of being misled by doctrines and philosophies of life which hold out hopes of speedy economic recovery. The danger is, that overcome by such an attitude of mind, we may risk our political freedom.

Parrot-like we all repeat Gandhiji's dictum that India lives in its villages, and I fear that many of us, with their tongue in their cheek, pay a lip homage to the villager because he is a voter. It is, however, almost fashionable to condemn him as an ignorant, illiterate, superstitous and obsolete individual.

The vices we attribute to him, such as the so-called village factionalism and a readiness to lie in court or outside before persons wielding any kind of authority, are not his faults. They are due to his merciless exploitation by others.

BLAME ELSEWHERE

And as for village rivalries, the blame lay elsewhere with the so-called superior classes and not with the humble peasant. Then again, those who live in glass houses should be the last to throw stones at others. Sectional, communal and political rivalries, even in organisations held in public esteem, prevail everywhere in every country.

Every traveller, who came to India in olden days, was struck by these traits of the Indian people, instinctive love of truth, of peace and of harmonious community relations. These traits still persist and in spite of ill-handling, have not become extinct.

I trust that with the advent of the Panchayet Raj in our rural areas—for example the great experiment in the United Provinces—a social revolution will soon begin.

It is difficult for us, with our set notions, to assess the magnitude or the worth of such a social revolution. The results will disclose themselves in a few years.

BURDEN THEM

I think wisdom lies in throwing the burden of managing their own affairs in the largest possible measure on the villagers themselves, not even on their elected representatives, the so-called Panchayets or the Union Boards, but on the villagers as a whole, on their Gram Sabhas, as they are called in the U.P. Panchayet Raj Act.

We shall be making a mistake if we treat the Gram Panchayets as the repositories of power. Power should lie in the Gram Sabhas as it is intended to lie there. Panchayets should be the Executive Committees to carry out policies formulated by the Gram Sabhas and every villager should be encouraged to take the most active and genuine interest in the administration of his village affairs.

Let him even make mistakes. He will profit by mistakes. It is curious that while mistakes in high quarters are passed over with a shrug of the shoulders, mistakes by poor villagers we make mountains of.

We talk of the poverty of the villager and his low standard of living. It is all true; but then poverty ultimately is not dependent entirely upon gross earning of the villager or the income that he makes out of his harvest Poverty depends also upon how he spends his slender earnings.

If he wastes his substance in ruinous litigation or in drink, that is the real cause of his poverty and his low standards of living; and it is up to the State to take all active measures to save him from himself and stop him from ruining himself in idle litigation.

NEGLECTED

Our villages—real villages where agriculture is the way as well as the mainstay of life—have all these years been totally neglected. But for a temple here and there erected by the piety of individuals there is nakedness in the land.

No one seems to have entered the village, neither the Provincial Government nor the District Board. The villagers were left helpless and rudderless.

To execuse this shameful neglect was always advanced the plea of want of public funds. If responsibility for improvement and reconstruction is cast upon the villagers themselves it will be seen that, like water gushing forth in the deserts of Rajasthan, the villagers will, out of their slender resources, raise money in plenty to satisfy their own needs. Such are the blessings of real Swaraj.

LONDON PEPPPER IDLE

LONDON, Aug. 16, (UPA): The London pepper market remained idle today with prices unchanged at 800/- for Malabar and 7/6 and 8/11 for black lampong and white muntok ex Singapore.

"Haunted Boy" Harassed By Unseen Forces

WASHINGTON, (U.P.A.): The strange case of a 14-year-old "haunted boy" who has been harassed by unseen forces was under investigation here by scientists who specialise in psychic phenomena.

It was revealed by Richard C. Darnell, President of the Society for Parapsychology who said the story was given to the Society by a Washington clergyman.

Darnell said Dr. J. B. Rhine, Director of Duke University Parapsychology Laboratory, considers the case "one of the most impressive that has come to his attention"

Here is the clergyman's story, as relayed by Darnell:

The boy's family, residents of Washington, are members of his congregation. They came to him and explained that their son was extremely troubled by unexplained scratchings on the walls and ceilings which follow the lad about. They said that at night his bed has been shaken so violently that at times he has been unable to get any sleep until 3 or 4 a.m.

The clergyman urged the family to let their son spend a night at his personage so that he could study the phenomena first hand. They agreed.

When the boy first went to bed in the minister's home, the bed shook so violently that the clergyman could see the lad was unable to spleep. The boy then got up and sat in a large, heavy arm chair with his knees drawn up under his chin.

As the clergyman watched, the chair tilted over at a sharp angle, throwing the boy to the floor. The minister then assumed the same sitting position as had the boy With all his strength, he could not bugde the chair.

Bed vibrations blocked further attempts of the boy to sleep. The clergyman thereupon placed a blanket and pillow on the floor and boy tried spleeping there.

As soon as the lad dozed off, the bedding and the boy slid slowly over the floor and under the bed. The boy rolled out and tried again to go asleep on the floor.

This time, boy, blankets, and all desscribed half-circle on the floor and slid for the second time under the bed.

The clergyman said that each time the bedding moved there was absolutely no wrinkling of the blankets as would be the case if the boy were moving himself. His hands were in full view and his legs were straight.

Darnell withheld the names of the boy and the minister at their request.

Prof. Ranga's Tribute To Venkatappiah

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16 (PTI): Prof. N. G. Ranga, President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, condoling the death of Desabhakta Konda Venkatappiah, the Andhra Congress leader, in a statement today says "India has lost a great son and a noble public worker by the death of Desabhakta Konda Venkatappaih at his ripe age of 83. He was popularly known to many Northern Indian Congressmen as Kondajee. He was for sometime Acting President of the Indian National Congress and for many years a member of the Working Committee. He was the father of Andhra movement and was a real spirit responsible for the building up of the linguistic provinces movement and the Andhra Mahasabha.

"Although he had retired 6 years ago, he had been very active in the Andhra public life. As recently as on July 26 he sent his presidential address to the Andhra convention at Bezwada which formulated the latest demand of the Andhras. He had been a constant source of inspiration to all of us who have been charged with the responsibility of organising and conducting the Congress Committee".

Conserving Metal Resources Of Asia

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 16, (PTI-Reuter):— Asia will no longer allow her metal resources to be drained off and wasted, thus contributing to a world—wide shortage of essential metals.

This is the main conclusion reached by Mr. D. N. Wadia, Mineral Adviser to the Government of India in a paper prepared for the United Nations World Resources Conference, opening here tomorrow.

Intensive planning, he said, was now under way in many Far-Eastern countries to try to avoid the disaster which might overtake the Western hemisphere, when in 50 to 75 years, waste and lack of planning could exhaust supplies of key metals.

THOUGHT FOR FUTURE

A world shortage of vitality needed raw materials might become one of the biggest problems of the next century, Mr. Wadia warned. So far, the acute shortage was being felt only in the Western hemisphere, mainly around the Atlantic border.

In the West, the higher standard of living had used up the store of valuable metals at a phenomenal rate. There was a danger that if Asian standards were raised without adequate planning, the same wastage would result.

HUBLI NEWSLETTER:

SINGLE ADMINISTRATION FOR ALL KANNADA AREA

P.C.C.'S Urgent Call To Congress High Command

(From Our Correspondent.)

HUBLI, (By Mail).

THE delegation of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee which is now in New Delhi has in a letter addressed to the General Secretary of the Indian National Congress urged the Congress High Command to direct the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Mysore and Coorg as also the Government of India to take steps for bringing about an immediate integration of Mysore, Coorg and the Union Karnatak areas under a common administration under section 290 of the Government of India Act 1935 as adapted in 1947.

The Congress High Command has further been requested to direct the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly to get the integrated Karnatak State enumerated in the Schedule of Provinces in the Constitution.

"If for any reason," the letter says "such an immediate integration cannot be achieved, we request the Working Committee in the alternative (1) to issue a directive to the Congress Cabinet at the Centre to take immediate steps for forming a Karnatak Province out of the adjoining Kannada areas in Bombay and Madras and of Coorg under the present Government of India Act in the first instance, with the ultimate aim of evolving a single administration for the entire Kannada area including Mysore and

(2) to call upon the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly to get Karnatak enumerated as a separate State in the Constitution.

MAIN FEATURES

The following are the main features of the letter.—

The letter recalls the discussion which a delegation of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee had with the Congress Working Committee at Dehra Dun in May 1949 and says "The Working Committee was then informed that there was a resolution before the K P C C for extreme steps in this behalf by way of calling for the resignations of Ministers and Legislators from Karnatak at the Centre and in the Provinces of Madras and Bombay.

"The Committee was made aware of the fact that the above resolution actuated by grave dissatisfaction and a growing sense of frustration in Karnatak would have been passed by an overwhelming majority if not by a unanimous vote, but for the desire of the top Congress leaders in Karnatak who wanted to avoid a crisis on the issue, by approaching the Working Committee again in this respect.

"The Working Committee as also the Constituent Assembly are now in session. The question of formation of new provinces and States is likely to come up for discussion during this month, when the enumeration of Provinces (old and new) will be considered and settled by the Constituent Assembly.

"Shri B N. Datar and Shri K. B. Jinaraja Hedge have been sent here on a special mission by the K.P.C.C. They have met and discussed this question with a number of Congress leaders including some of the Cabinet Ministers. They have also waited upon H. E. the Governor-General of India and appraised him of the position in Karnatak in this respect. The constitutional aspect of this question has been discussed with some of the Constitutional experts.

"It has been made clear to the above Karnatak delegation by some of them that on this question a directive from the Congress Executive is necessary before it can be tackled by the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly. We are therefore again approaching the Working Committee in this behalf in the fervent hope that a final and favourable decision will soon be taken and announced to the great relief of the Congress Workers and people in Karnataka."

DISSATISFACTION

Dealing with the position in Karnatak today the letter says that dissatisfaction was mounting up everywhere on account of the delay in the solution of this problem. The Common man would not understand why the Congress had not been implementing this principle which was accepted by it thirty years ago and which had the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian Nation.

All Congress work has been adversely affected and Congress workers themselves were becoming diffident and disappointed over this question which was being regarded as life and death question to Karnatak. The opponents of the Congress had got an easy handle in the matter and had been exploiting the Congress 'indifference and apathy' over this issue.

Impressionable youths and the unwary public were told openly that they should give up their allegiance to the Congress and that the aspirations of Kannadigas could only be satisfied by parties other than the Congress. The Congress workers had been finding it difficult to counter this false and baseless propaganda, it adds.

Asserting that the time is ripe for the coming into existence of an integrated Karnatak Province the letter points out that Kannadigas in Mysore and the Union were in favour of such integration.

The Karnatak P C C also had expressed its readiness to accept the Maharaja of Mysore as the Constitutional Ruler of the United Karnatak State. Therefore the delegation urged that the whole matter would be simplified if the Congress Working Committee recorded its opinion in favour of such integration and issued a directive to its party in the Constituent Assembly of India to provide for it in the new Constitution.

DESIRABLE

The letter says that the integration of States in the Union and the recent bringing together of the provinces and states on a common level by the elimination of all differences between them had made the task of union between Mysore and Union Karnatak areas not only possible but highly desirable in the interest of Kannadigas.

On the question of Coorg, a centrally administered area the letter suggests that as this area was contiguous with Mysore and the South Kanara district of Madras Presidency this could also be solved by its integration.

Concluding the letter points out that it would be possible for the Congress to maintain its hold in Karnatak at the next elections only if the Working Committee immediately took steps on the lines pointed above.

"Such a step will take this question from the perview of public agitation and would no longer serve as a handle for the opponents of the Congress in the days to come. Karnatak has always been a Congress Province without any reservations whatsoever. It was rightly called Gandhi Province even by the former British Administrators. It is up to the Working Committee to earn the gratitude of Karnatak by fulfilling her aspirations immediately."

SOCIALISTS FREED IN ETAWAH

Grain Satyagraha Ends

ETAWAH (U.P.), Aug. 17, (PTI): Socialists arrested for having resorted to satyagraha from July 19, against what the Socialists described as the "objectionable grain procurement methods of the Etawah district authorities", have been released.

The satyagraha has been withdrawn. The U.P. Socialist Party announced today that the movement had been called off "in view of its vital demands having been accepted".

Asian Labour Conference In Nuwara Eliya

MADRAS, Aug. 17, (PTI): The second session of the Asian Regional Labour Conference will be held in Ceylon in January 1950.

Mr. K. E. Mathew, Director of I.L.O. (Indian Branch), who arrived here today from Ceylon, told the PTI that Nuwara Eliya, a hill station about 120 miles from Colombo, had been selected as the venue for holding the conference from January 16 to 28.

The first session of this conference was held in New Delhi in 1947.

ICE BROKEN

LAUSANNE, Aug. 17 (PTI-Reuter): Israeli and Arab delegates to the United Nations Palestine conciliation talks sat for the first time at the same conference table yesterday.

They were discussing a proposal to "unfreeze" assets blocked by the two sides since war broke out in the Holy Land.

Members of the United Nations conciliation commission also took part.

Until now the Arab and Israeli delegations have met only the Commissioners, who relayed the views of one side to the other.

Bombay Billiards League

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Results of matches played during week ended August 14, 1949:

North Zone

Bandra Gymkhana beat Dadar Parsi Colony Gymkhana 837-753
G I P Rly Institute Byculla beat Matharpacady Club 775-628
G I P. Rly. Mech. Inst. Parel beat Mysore Association 940-572
Result of the match between Dadar Club and Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana not yet received.

Central Zone

Elphinstone Cricket Club beat Bombay City Police Club 'B' 770-490
Y.M.C.A. Byculla beat Times of India Sports Club 724-658
Result of the match between the Post Office Recreation Club and the Proctor Y.M.C.A. not yet received.

West Zone

Tata Sports Club beat P. J. Hindu Gymkhana 'B' 840-817
Bombay City Police Club 'A' beat Catholic Gymkhana 'B' 770-457
Merchants' Club beat Islam Gymkhana 'B' 830-729

South Zone

Catholic Gymkhana 'A' beat A. C. C. Sports Club 780-621
P J. Hindu Gymkhana 'A' beat Islam Gymkhana 'A' 700-540
Cricket Club of India beat Parsee Gymkhana 784-694

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
NORTH ZONE:							
G I P. Rly. Institute Byculla	3	3	0	0	2323	1862	6
Bandra Gymkhana	3	2	0	1	2449	2291	4
Dadar Parsi Colony Gymkhana	3	1	0	2	2356	2169	2
Matharpacady Club	3	1	0	2	2212	2334	2
G I.P. Mech. Institute Parel	3	1	0	2	2433	2152	2
Mysore Association	3	0	0	3	1688	2630	0
CENTRAL ZONE:							
Elphinstone Cricket Club	3	3	0	0	2135	1705	6
B P T. Sports Club	2	2	0	0	1658	1457	4
Y M C.A. Byculla	3	2	0	1	2024	1847	4
Times of India Sports Club	2	1	0	1	1508	1482	2
Bombay City Police Club 'B'	2	0	0	2	1193	1679	0
WEST ZONE:							
Tata Sports Club	3	3	0	0	2406	2285	6
Bombay City Police Club 'A'	2	2	0	0	1530	1110	4
Merchants' Club	3	2	0	1	2281	2290	4
P. J. Hindu Gymkhana 'B'	3	2	0	1	2254	2215	4
Islam Gymkhana 'B'	2	0	0	2	1435	1699	0
Catholic Gymkhana 'B'	3	0	0	3	1867	2296	0
Bombay Gymkhana 'B'	2	0	0	2	1398	1582	0
SOUTH ZONE:							
Catholic Gymkhana 'A'	3	3	0	0	2220	1429	6
Bombay Gymkhana 'A'	2	2	0	0	1588	1256	4
P.J. Hindu Gymkhana 'A'	2	2	0	0	1450	1252	4
Islam Gymkhana 'A'	3	1	0	2	1635	1910	2
Cricket Club of India	3	1	0	2	2046	2000	2
A.C.C. Sports Club	2	0	0	2	1387	1548	0
Parsee Gymkhana	3	0	0	3	1453	2384	0

SOCCER "INVASION OF" BRITAIN

By GEORGE CHANDLER, U P A Sports Writer

LONLON, August 17. (U.P.A.): Great Britain will undergo a veritable "invasion" during the 1949-50 soccer season in the form of international teams from Finland, Sweden, Belgium and Italy.

The scheduled programme of international matches is one of the heaviest in recent years. Finland will be the first of the visitors when they meet Eire in Dublin on September 8, in their World Cup match.

Sweden, the Olympic champions and victors over England at Stockholm last May, are scheduled to meet Eire in the series in November. Their next opponents will be Scotland.

Belgium is scheduled to meet the Welsh national squad in September, and two months later Italy's stars will clash with the England team in London.

Added to this schedule will be the "home" internationals between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, thus the British players will be called upon to compete in 13 internationals and seven inter-League matches during the season.

Far from deploring the heavy list of engagements officials of the various football associations welcome the opportunity of meeting these overseas stars, especially as it will give them the opportunity of producing the best possible team for World Cup competition in Brazil.

The "home" internationals will be particularly keen, as the winners and runners-up of this tournament will automatically qualify for the competition proper of the World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in June and July of 1950.

The showing of the British international teams over the past two seasons, particularly England and Wales, is causing the selectors of these countries to think very hard. England were thoroughly trounced 3—1 by Sweden at Stockholm last May, while the Welsh squad was severely mauled by the fast moving Portuguese team during their close season tour.

There was no attempt to gloss over these defeats, and it was admitted that these overseas teams thoroughly earned their laurels by their highly scientific methods and positional play.

The visiting overseas teams this year, however, will find that old insularity and lethargy with which these matches have been treated in the past no longer prevails. Soccer officials now fully realize that fresh blood must be infused into the teams and new tactics adopted.

With such a heavy programme scheduled, the selectors will be given a fine opportunity to try out the up-and coming stars. In other words the "established" stars of British soccer will have to fight for their places in their respective national teams.

The Scotland v. Sweden and England v. Italy matches probably will be the two testing games of the season. These two overseas teams are the stand-out squads of Scandinavia and the Continent, and their highly rated play will quickly uncover any weakness in the Scottish and English squads.

Sports experts predict that England and Scotland will win the two spots for the competition in the World Cup, therefore these two matches will enable the selectors to remedy any weakness which may be evident in the competition against the Swedes and Italians.

As far as soccer is concerned, the World Cup will mean a lot to national prestige, and a display of national fervor—always so evident in the Scottish and Irish teams—should enable the British squads to acquit themselves very creditably against the overseas "invaders" during the current season.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

Small Rise

NEW DELHI, August 16 (P.T.I.): Wholesale prices in India as measured by the official index, witnessed a rise of 0.8 per cent during the week ended July 23, 1949, the Economic Advisers' Office stated in a press note today.

The index which stood at 381.9 (base: year ended August 1939-100) was 1.2 per cent higher as compared with the corresponding week of last month, but 2.1 per cent less than that of a year ago.

The index for "foodstuffs" moved up by 1.7 per cent to 397.8 during the week under review owing to rises in the prices of wheat and sugar (three per cent each) jowar (four per cent), dal arhar and gur (two per cent each).

Rises in the prices of manganese ore (13 per cent) and lac (3 per cent) were responsible for an increase of 0.4 per cent in the index for 'industrial raw materials" which stood at 450.4 during the week.

In the 'semi-manufactures' group, item which recorded noticeable changes were sheep skins (four per cent) goat skins (three per cent), mustard oil (two per cent) zinc, (three per cent) brass and copper (two per cent each). Upon the whole, the group index was 0.2 per cent higher at 327.1 as compared with 326.5 (revised) in the previous week.

Manufactures' advanced further by 0.6 per cent to 364.1 on account of rise in jute, rayon and silk manufactures (four per cent each). Glass, however, showed a fall (three per cent) during the week.

The 'miscellaneous' group registered a fractional fall to 536.4 as the effect of rises in the prices of spices and condiments (two per cent) and cashewnuts (three per cent) was offset by a decline in the case of betel nuts (six per cent).

SAURASHTRA'S DRIVE AGAINST MALARIA

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, August 17.—Heavy rainfall early in the current month has created in the streets at Rajkot cesspools which have become breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The Saurashtra Public Health Department has sent a batch of doctors to towns and villages where the incidence of malaria every year is alarmingly heavy.

The itinerant team will educate public in respect of the causes of malaria, and enlarge on the importance of planting "naged" trees which, according to Dr. Luxmipathi, an Ayurvedic physician of Madras, will help the villages, in combating malaria.

Obstructed Harijans: Arrested

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 17.—Great sensation prevailed in the city yesterday when Acharya Shri of Swaminarain temple was arrested for obstructing Harijans from entering the temple. He was, later, released on bail.

It may be recalled here that a suit is already pending in court regarding the right of Harijans to enter the temples.

A petition alleging contempt of court, it is learnt has also been filed by the temple authorities.

Chartered Accountants

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17 (PTI): Mr. G. P. Kapadia was yesterday elected President of the newly constituted Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Mr. G. Basu was elected Vice-President.

The Council decided to have its headquarters at New Delhi for the present.

Moral Rearmament Needed

JAIPUR, Aug. 17.

Dr. G. S. Mahajani, vice-Chancellor, University of Rajputana, addressing the Staff and Students of Banasthali Vidyapith on the moral element in public life referred to a serious malady that has been recently afflicting the world and with it, India;—the malady of falling off in the degree of moral earnestness, regard for sanctity of promise and public integrity.

He stressed the need to respect the rule of law and said that high ideals should be kept before the masses and the private lives of individuals should be ordained on principle of religion to counteract the growing malady.

In the end he remarked that the community life would be much more healthy and our problems rendered simple if everyone would discharge his duty before waiting to see whether others are doing their duties or not.

Later at night, Syt. Hari Lal Shastri the Prime Minister of Rajasthan asked the audience to realize that only those forces viz, self-less service, sacrifice, truth and directness in our conduct and dealings which had won political freedom for us, could now preserve the same hard won freedom.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.

Previous Closing	29.94
Today's Opening	29.91
Difference	—3
Today's Closing	29.87
Difference	—7

All Bombay Markets closed today.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 29.
General Motors unquoted.
United States Steel Common dol. 22-7/8.
United States Steel Preference dol. 133-1/8.

Determination To Stand Any Onslaught

DEMOCRACY'S ANSWER TO COMMUNISM

NEW DELHI, August 17, (UPI):

"WHAT are Democracy's best answers to Communism? was the theme of an interesting debate, held this afternoon, at the Delhi University Convocation Hall under the auspices of the Indian Council of World Affairs.

Mr. W. L. Hemingway one of the members of the Town Meeting of the Air who are now on tour of India, was the principal speaker. Mr. George V. Denny, founder of "America's Town Meeting of the Air", presided over the function.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India inaugurating the debate welcomed the members of the Town Meeting of the Air and said, "Your watch-word is democracy and we in India are also wedded to the democratic ideal and the democratic process. We want to adhere to that ideal, because we think that it has something of great value for humanity. At the same time all of us, and more especially we in Asia, are confronted by great and basic problems which demand urgent attention. Essentially these problems are how to raise the living standards and well-being of our masses, how to provide them the primary necessities for a civilised existence.

COMMON MAN'S INTEREST

"Democracy has to find a solution for these problems, for they cannot wait for some future date. Our approach, therefore, has to be in terms of what benefits the common man and woman. Therefore, democracy has to extend its scope from the purely political to other fields so as to find a solution for these vital problem."

THREE WAYS

Claiming that the American democracy produces to a greater extent the goods and happiness that communism promises but has not yet produced anywhere in the world Mr. Hemingaway, the principal speaker in the debate, suggested three ways of answering Communism.

First, by telling the world the things that we have accomplished without denying our shortcoming and weakness. Secondly, by making known in uncertain terms to the world the delinquencies of Communism as they are made known from time to time. Thirdly by being determined that we shall not be overrun. by any aggression and keep ourselves strong enough to prevent any nation or group of nations from destroying us.

MOTION OPPOSED

Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Director of the Delhi School of Economics, who opposed the motion sponsored by Mr. W. L. Hemingway, said: "If the new Indian democracy is to survive the onslaught of Communist ideology, it is essential that the older democracies should function in such a manner that no charge can be laid against them of sustaining political or racial or economic inequalities, either at home or abroad. How can we work up enthusiasm for the democratic ideal when the leading exponents of that creed deny political liberty to their colonial peoples?"

Mrs. Edith Sampson Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Negro on 'America's Town Meeting of the Air' who spoke next answered the question posed by Dr. Rao. She said: "We do not have equal rights in all parts of the United States. But let us remember that 85 years ago Negroes in America were slaves and were 100 per cent illiterate and the record shows that the Negro has advanced further in this period than any similar group in the entire world."

SET EXAMPLE

She, however, admitted that the Negroes in America were dissatisfied at the discriminatory practices prevalent there and urged the Americans to remove the racial barriers and thereby set an example for the democratic countries of the world in order to win their confidence especially the confidence of Asia's dark-skinned millions.

KEEP THE LIFE LINE RUNNING

E.I.R. Labour Leader's Call

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 16 (PTI): Mr. Ram Chandra Chakravarty, Assistant Secretary of E.I.R. Employees Union, Calcutta appealed to railwaymen to keep the life line of transport going "in the interest of hungry and naked citizens of India".

He was addressing the concluding session of the divisional conference of the E.I.R. Employees Union here today. Other speakers were Mr. P. C. Dasgupta and Mr. L. N. Janhari.

The conference passed a resolution which said "all those railwaymen who opted for Pakistan and who changed their option or returned to the Indian Union before the stipulated period, be reinstated unless they could be accused of sabotage or other subversive activities".

KENYA IMMIGRATION CONTROL TO STAY

Indian Plea Rejected

NAIROBI, Aug. 17, (PTI-Reuter): The Kenya Legislative Council today rejected a motion by Mr. A. B. Patel, leader of the Indian elected members, calling for the abolition of immigration control.

Government members joined with European, African, and Muslim members in opposing the motion during a two-day debate.

European members called for a drastic cut in Indian immigration and argued that the cultural aspect should be the basis of control, not economic considerations as at present.

THE WAY OUT OF CRISIS

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forts of the Governments—Central Provincial, would never attain the desired result.

POSTPONE LONG-TERM PROJECTS

To bring about a fall in the cost of living there must be increased production of food. The Government of India have set 1951 as the dead-line for making the country self-sufficient in food. To conserve the foreign exchange for import of capital goods for our industries, self-sufficiency in food is an urgent need of the hour. But it is not self-sufficiency alone that will solve the crisis. Food production should increase much more than 10 per cent in order to lower the cost of living index number. The multi-purpose projects like Damodar Valley, Tungabhadra, Hirakud etc. have immense possibilities of increasing the production by bringing new land under the plough but none of these projects may be expected to yield any result before 5 years if everything goes well and that is a condition which is very difficult to satisfy. Conceding that artificial fertilisers are not in the end harmful to land, yet the Sindri Project for production of fertilisers will start yielding results by 1950 and its peak production will be 350,000 tons of ammonium sulphate. After the completion of the Sindri project our total supply of fertiliser would be of the order of 550,000 to 600,000 tons a year.

According to the Foodgrains Policy Committee, a minimum of a million ton of fertilisers would be required annually by Indian agriculture. So even if we get the full benefit from the Sindri Project, the supply will fall far short of the country's need for manure. Under the circumstances both for irrigation and for manuring our emphasis should, therefore, be on such small-scale things as tanks and wells, small irrigation dams, compost and preservation of night soil.

This does not mean that we are for stopping work on all these large-scale projects. In fact, in its Anti-inflation Policy, the Government of India have foreseen the need of slowing down some of their long term schemes — "A Committee of the Cabinet has been set up to carry out the urgent review of all developmental plans, both central and provincial with a view to determining the relative priority of accepted schemes so that expenditure on such schemes as are not productive or could be postponed or slowed down without detriment to the national welfare might be deferred or curtailed".

NATIONAL PLANNING

I suggest that there should be a National Planning Commission and priorities must be defind in planning such projects and other industrial and productive efforts in terms of available resources. Realistic planning is never in terms of mere money but in terms of available material resources because when work begins, it is the availability of trained personnel and different kinds of materials within the contemplated period which will make or mar the plan. Small-scale industries are bound to preponderate in an economic plan, if by and large it is to be executed with immediatelly available resources in the country and if there is to be quick improvement in the level of production, and volume of employment.—A.I.C.C. ECONOMIC REVIEW.

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CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN SHOEBULLAH CASE

Prosecution Story Before Tribunal

EXAMINATION OF APPROVER COMMENCES

HYDERABAD, August 17 (PTI).

WHEN the Special Tribunal trying Syed Kasim Razvi and others on the charge of conspiracy to murder met this morning, counsel for Kasim Razvi, Nawab Asfar Yar Jung, requested the court to permit Razvi the use of pen, paper and ink to enable him to note down points and give instructions to counsel.

The Chairman of the Tribunal, Mr J. A. Pinto, remarked that the pen was mightier than the sword, and he would consider the representation in conformity with the jail rules.

Opening the case for the Prosecution, Mr. Ethiraj said the court had just observed that the pen was mightier than the sword, but in this case the prosecution was seeking to prove that the sword was mightier than the pen

CONSPIRACY

In the course of his address, Mr. Ethiraj said that the enquiry on which the court was embarking today related to a simple case of conspiracy to murder. It had, however, assumed importance on account of that fact that Syed Kasim Razvi, the first accused, who was a "man of great culture, Field Marshal of the Razakar Army and a man who was most well known in Hyderabad," was alleged to have carefully planned, conspired and abetted the commission of the crime.

The case of the Prosecution was, Mr. Ethiraj said, that the late Shoebullah Khan, who was the Editor of "Imrose" had repeatedly criticised the policy of Kasim Razvi, both in editorials and otherwise. This annoyed Kasim Razvi, who therefore brought about "this mean and cowardly murder of Shoebullah Khan."

The murder, the Special Prosecutor said, had been committed at about 1-30 a.m. on August 22, 1948, in front of Shoebullah Khan's residence while he was on his way home from the "Imrose" office. He was injured with a pistol and also a cutting instrument and he succumbed to his injuries at 5-30 the same morning. Mr. Shoebullah Khan's brother-in-law, who was accompanying him, was also injured, but survived, and he was a witness for the Prosecution.

There was evidence to show that the first accused was trying to get persons who would undertake to put an end to the life of Shoebullah Khan. Some of them received the suggestion with repugnance. All the same, Kasim Razvi prevailed on a person called Aseer, who was Approver in this case, and through him (Aseer) he secured the help of Abdul Munim Khan and Mohsin Raza (accused two and three) and others in the commission of the crime. No clue was obtained till about August 25, when Ismail Khan, brother-in-law of Shoebullah Khan, said after an identification parade, that one of the assassins was a man who had slapped a boy in a mosque during "namaz" time on a Ramzan Day at Chappal Bazar.

On that clue, the police tried to secure, that particular man who had slapped a boy, but found that the man was absconding. After considerable difficulty the police arrested him on October 5, and at an identification parade Ismail Khan identified him as one of the assassins on that fateful night. He was eventually sent to the magistrate who recorded his confession, in which he had clearly and elaborately confessed to what he happened. Mohsin Raza, who was arrested on October 15 also made a clear confession before a magistrate, which more or less agreed with the confession made by Abdul Munim Khan. Aseer was also arrested and he, too, made a confession and turned Approver. He was granted pardon.

THREAT OF MURDER

There was a considerable body of evidence to show that the first accused, Syed Kasim Razvi, had been sending word to Shoebullah Khan asking him to desist from criticising his (Razvi's) policy and even went to the length of threatening to shoot him dead if he continued his policy. There was also evidence to show that Kasim Razvi actually handed over a pistol to the Approver, which was used on that night. There was also evidence to show that in a public speech which Kasim Razvi made a few days before the act, he proclaimed that the hands of people who wrote against him would be cut off, and it was not without significance that the two hands of the unfortunate deceased were actually cut off.

That, in short, was the story of the Prosecution, said Mr. Ethiraj and added that if the Tribunal were convinced that the Prosecution had proven their case, suitable punishment should be awarded to the accused.

CONTACT WITH RAZVI

Approver Narrates Events

Aseer, the Approver, in the course of his examination-in-chief said that he was 32 years old, and a graduate of the Osmania University. He had taken up service as Chief Warden of the A.R.P., and lost his job after the police action.

Witness said his political life began while he was a student of the matriculation class. He worked as President of the "A Ward" District Majlis Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen, which included within its jurisdiction the localities of Kachiguda and Lingampalli.

Witness said he knew Mr. Shoebullah Khan who was residing in Barkatpura in Lingampalli. Mr. Shoebullah Khan was Editor of a paper called "Imroze" and he resided in witness's ward. Witness knew Mr. Shoebullah Khan's office also, which was about a hundred yards from his residence.

Witness said he saw Syed Kasim Razvi, President of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen, in connection with Shoebullah Khan twice. Six months prior to the murder, witness had been to Kasim Razvi's office at Darussalam, where Kasim Razvi told him that he could not get a single man to do his work. Witness replied that it was a strange irony of fate that it should be so.

Three or four months before the murder, witness again met Kasim Razvi, when the latter asked witness whether he had thought over the matter. Witness said he did not know to which matter Syed Kasim Razvi was referring.

Kasim Razvi mentioned Shoebullah Khan and said: "You know his policy is against the policy of Muslims. Apart from that the paper of Shoebullah contains personal attacks against me. In view of the delicate state of affairs in the State it is better he is finished."

Witness said he replied after some hesitation: "I am by nature a tender-hearted man. Added to this, I have the responsibility of my old parents and brothers on my shoulders."

Kasim Razvi told him that he did not want witness to do the act personally. Witness could get the work done by any Razakar in his locality. Witness replied that he had no connection whatsoever with any goondas; yet he did not have the courage to oppose the orders of his President. He promised to think over the matter and kept quiet.

THIRD DISCUSSION

His third conversation with Kasim Razvi, said witness, took place seven or eight days before the murder of Shoebullah Khan when one night after ten o'clock on receipt of a telephonic message, he went to the residence of Kasim Razvi at Malakpet. After taking him into a room, Kasim Razvi began the same conversation in regard to the murder of Shoebullah Khan. Kasim Razvi told witness that conditions in the country were changing very fast. The war for independence was on, and they were in grip of a life and death struggle. At such time, no nation could afford to have traitors among its people. Witness said he agreed with Syed Kasim Razvi word for word, but again pointed out to him his family responsibility.

Syed Kasim Razvi assured witness that he would not get into any trouble. He told witness, 'if you are still in the stage of pondering, our end may be very dreadful". Thereafter, witness said, Syed Kasim Razvi called his A.D.C. Sajjad Hussain and ordered him to hand over his pistol to witness. Sajjad Hussain obeyed the orders. While handing the pistol over to witness, Sajjad opened the chamber in the pistol and showed the twelve cartridges inside it. Later Sajjad showed witness how to use the pistol.

Witness enquired of one Yazdani, an office bearer of Chappal Bazaar Ittehad Muslimeen office, about any daring Razakar. Yazdani pointed out to him Abdul Munim Khan (accused No. two and one or two others, and added that they were prepared to lay down their lives. The following evening Abdul Munim Khan came to witness's residence. Witness identified accused Munim Khan in court.

OATH OF SECRECY

Munim Khan told witness that Yazdani had sent him there. Witness said he placed a copy of the Quran in the hands of Abdul Munim Khan, and took a promise from him that he would keep what witness was going to tell him a secret. Witness then told him about Kasim Razvi's order to murder Shoebullah Khan.

Abul Munim Khan replied that they were waiting for an opportunity to serve and now they had an order and a patron, they would easily carry out the order.

Abdul Munim Khan then asked witness to procure for him a 303 pistol. Witness promised to do so in a day or two.

The next day, two aged persons belonging the Majlis Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen came to the witness' place along with Mohsin Raza (accused No. three) at about 8 p.m. Abdul Munim Khan also came to witness's residence half an hour later. The two aged Muslims, Maulvi Imanullah Husseini and Abdul Hafiz Hashrul, offered the services of Mohsein Raza in connection with the murder of Shoebullah Khan. Mohsin Raza also expressed his willingness to work with Munim Khan (second accused). Later he took Abdul Munim Khan into his room and handed him over the pistol given to witness by Kasim Razvi.

'SHOEBULLAH WAS WAYLAID AND SHOT'

How Cuts Were Inflicted

He showed him the twelve cartridges in the pistol chamber. Abdul Munim Khan said he was acquainted with the use of the weapon. Sometime later, Munin Khan and Mohsin Raza, from whose neck a sword was hanging went away. Witness said that on the night of August 21/22, about 1-30 or 2 a. m. Mohsin Raza and Abdul Munim Khan along with a boy whose name was stated to him to be Zamiruddin came to witness house.

All these three persons were bare-headed and barefooted. The clothes of Munim Khan and Zamiruddin were blood-stained. Munim Khan returned the pistol to witnesses. Zamirrudin who had a sword in his hand laid it in the corner of witnesses drawing room. Abdul Munim Khan told witness that when Shoebullah Khan and another associate of his were coming from the office of the "Imroze", these three persons (Munim Khan and his two associates) held them up. Finding an opportunity, Munim Khan said he fired a pistol shot in the back of Shoebullah Khan. Mohsin Raza ran awav and stood at the crossroads near by. Immediately after the pistol shot, Shoebullah Khan fell down and took hold of the feet of Abdul Munim Khan. In the meantime, Zamirruddin took the sword from Mohsin Raza who was standing on the crossroads and began to inflict cuts on Shoebullah and his associate. He also extricated Abdul Munim Khan from the grip of Shoebullah Khan and all the three came to witnesses house direct.

STORY OF ORGANIZATION

The Public Prosecutor then questioned the witness about the Razakar Organisation. Witness replying defined the word "Razakar" as a sepoy or a servant of God who punished the oppressors and defended the weak. The Razakar Organisation which was found a few years ago reached its acme during the time of Syed Kasim Razvi. The Razakars belonged to the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen. Every member of the Organisation wore a full uniform consisting of pants, bush coat, Montgomery cap and a whistle. A few Razakars carried muzzle loaders. About the time of the murder of Shoebullah Khan the Razakar Organisation had a strength of about five lakhs in the State. They had different ranks among Razakars such as "Section Commanders" "Salars" etc.

Similarly district head of the Razakar Organisation was Salar-e-Zilla. The head of the Razakars of Hyderabad Dominion was the Salar-e-Ala or the Commander-in-Chief. Above the Salar-e-Ala there was the rank held by Syed Kasim Razvi as Amir-ul-Asakir (Lord of the Force).

The evidence recorded today was read over to witness and his signature obtained thereto. The examination of the approver had not yet concluded when the court rose to meet again at 10-30 a.m. tomorrow.

PRESENTATION

H.E. Dr. Lo Chia Luen, Chinese Ambassador in India called on H.E. Shri C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India at Government House, New Delhi, on August 15 to offer, on behalf of members of all foreign Embassies in Delhi, the greetings and good wishes on the occasion of the second anniversary of India's Independence. H.E. Shri Rajagopalachari in return presented a silver 'Salver' to H.E. Dr. Lo Chia Luen, the Doyen of Foreign Diplomatic Corps in India.

U.S. Asks Russia To Settle Accounts

DEAN ACHESON'S DISCLOSURE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17, (UPA): Ambassador Alan Kirk at his meeting with Premier Stalin called his attention to the long deferred settlement of Russia's 11,000,000,000 dollar lend-lease account and the Soviet jamming of the "Voice of America", Secretary of State Dean Acheson said on Wednesday

Acheson said that the American Ambassador's meeting with Stalin two days ago in Moscow was primarily a courtesy call, but that he mentioned these two points and told Stalin he hoped the Soviet Union would respond to American representations

Acheson told his news conference that Stalin referred the matters to Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky.

The United States has protested against Russian jamming of the 'Voice of America' broadcasts. Acheson said that if Congress approved the 11,320,000 dollar additional voice appropriation recommended on Tuesday by the House Committee, "new facilities and improvement of existing facilities provided for will go a long way toward combating and overcoming current jamming".

RECRUITMENT FOR TERRITORIAL ARMY

Two Types Of Units On Zonal Basis

SCHEME TO START NEXT MONTH

NEW DELHI, August 17.

REGULAR recruitment to the Territorial Army will begin next month. Official launching ceremonies will be held in principal towns all over India in the first week of October.

The scheme, which will give an opportunity to the youth of the country to receive part-time military training, envisages the raising of two types of units—provincial and urban—which are already in the process of formation.

The former will be recruited from the rural areas, while the latter will comprise men recruited from the towns.

ZONAL BASIS

Recruitment to the Territorial Army will be on a zonal basis, the country having been divided into eight zones for the purpose.

The Territorial Army will have two types of training, viz., (a) recruit and annual training, and (b) voluntary training on course of instruction and attachment to regular units.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates for selection as officers, JOOs or other ranks must be between the ages of 18 and 35, the upper age-limit may be relaxed in the case of ex-officers and ex-servicemen and the civilian candidates with special technical qualifications. A national of the Union of India by birth or by domicile, or any other person in whose favour a declaration of eligibility has been issued by the Ministries of Home Affairs and Defence, and who is medically fit can apply. Those applying for commissions as officers and JOOs must possess the specified minimum educational qualifications. Ex-servicemen will be absorbed in as large numbers as possible.

Application forms for officers and JOOs, with the necessary particulars, will be available after September 20 from the head-quarters of Army Commands, Areas, Sub-Areas and Recruiting Offices. Enrolment forms for enlistment as other ranks can be had from recruiting offices throughout India and from Territorial Army Unit headquarters.

Besides reinforcement of the regular Army as and when required, the Territorial Army, as a second line of defence, will look after anti-aircraft and coastal defence and, in an emergency, relieve the regular Army, partly or wholly, of its internal security commitments.

WIDEN OUTLOOK

Though a volunteer organisation, the methods of training in the Territorial Army will not only widen the general outlook and help the physical development of its individual members but also infuse in them military discipline. Every officer of the Territorial Army when performing duty as such and every enrolled person when called out and embodied or attached to the regular forces, will be subject to the Indian Army Act.

The Territorial Army will have a target strength of 1,30,000.

Railways To Raise Units

NEW DELHI, Apg. 17.—The Indian Government Railways are raising operating, workshop and construction companies as part of the Government's plan for the formation of a Territorial Army. About 75 per cent of the total railway force is expected to be raised within the next few weeks. Close liaison is being maintained between the Railway Board and the Territorial Army Directorate of Army Headquarters. Regular or whole-time Territorial Officers and Military Instructors will be provided by the Territorial Army Directorate to aid the Railway Territorial Officers in the training and administration of the Railway Units.

The names of Officers and Other Ranks who volunteer to join these Units are being registered on each railway. Military training will start immediately after the Units are raised. These Units will be officered by Railway Officers assisted by regular or whole-time Territorial Officers. Other Ranks will, however, be drawn exclusively from the railway staff.

NEW PHASE IN RADIO WAR

New Anti-Jamming Device

LONDON, Aug. 17, (UPA): New and top-secret electronic devices have won for Britain a new phase in the radio propaganda war with Russia, informed sources said today. British radio engineers who jammed the Nazi broadcasts for almost five years have broken through the Russian interference with English-language broadcasts and have literally "cleared" the air over portions of Central Europe, it was disclosed.

Russia hurled scores of her own transmitters into the battle of the air waves several weeks ago to jam both the BBC and the Voice of America broadcasts beamed to Russia, America and Britain retaliated with a counter-jamming offensive.

London newspapers reported today that the BBC had found a completely new way to defeat the Russian jamming. The process has been so successful, these reports said, that listeners in Finland were able to pick up the American and British broadcasts with virtually no interference. Similar reports were received from other Central European listening posts and from inside Russia itself.

Military observers in London said the new anti-jamming process might prove invaluable to long-range bombers whose flights in war-time might be made difficult by enemy interference with their radio and radar equipment.

MIXED GRILL

By Grumbler

A colleague tells of a conversation between two high-placed Government servants, at one of the Independence gatherings, which, he overheard. One of the two is educational officer; and the other was complaining about the educational problems of his son.

"Do you know", he said "everyday, my son is compelled to carry such a large number of texts and note-books and what not? His daily load is 9-10 lbs. One day my car went out of order. So the boy had to carry the load and he had to stop five times between the home and the school. Is it possible for a boy to learn more than he can actually carry?"

This aspect of school curriculum has been commented upon by many people often. Schools, particularly some of the so-called better schools, insist on the pupils equipping themselves with an elaborate paraphernalia, including fountain-pens, out of all proportion to their genuine educational needs or the pockets of their parents. When the problem was raised in the Legislative Council during the last budget session, the Premier said that a circular had been sent years ago asking schools to cut down on the burden of note-books and stationery. But nothing seems to have been done.

Equally great appears to be the burden of the actual work that is put on the boys. Considering the distances involved school children often leave home at 10 a.m. and do not return till about 5-30. And they bring a great deal of work to be done at home. Only the other day I was listening to the bitter complaints of a boy of eight who said that his teacher had set him a large number of sums to do, forgetting that it was Friday and the classes met in the morning on Saturday. When I tried to question the boy, who was finding it difficult to resist sleep on Friday night, he commented briefly and eloquently on the teacher "Tho Ahe Ek Chakram", he said.

The content of the lessons too seem to be out of the range of the child's interest or understanding. The other day a girl in the first or second standard asked me what was the Welby Commission. Despite being a journalist of some standing I could not tell her. I asked if the book had not explained. When she said 'No', I disrespectfully suggested that the writer himself did not know, perhaps.

She flared up and told me that the writer of the piece was no less a person than the late Lokmanya Tilak. She showed me the book from which I gathered it was an encomium written by Tilak on Gokhale and published in the "Kesari" It must undoubtedly be a great piece of writing, but surely, the late Lokamanya was not writing it for the benefit of children. The pages of the "Kesari" were meant for political minded adults.

I wonder if, after all, there is not something in the suggestion of the Governor-General that the time devoted to schooling should be reduced.

Nimitz Hopes For Speedy Agreement On Kashmir

TENTATIVE PLAN FOR 2,800 POLLING BOOTHS: 5 MILLION DOLLAR EXPENSE

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 17, (USIS): American Fleet Admiral, Chester W. Nimitz, administrator-designate for the United Nations plebiscite in Kashmir, says he plans to leave for the area early in September if a truce agreement between India and Pakistan can be reached within the next two weeks.

In an interview published by the "New York Times", Nimitz declared himself greatly encouraged by the decision of the two dominions to start direct negotiations at New Delhi next week for a truce in Kashmir and expressed the hope that an agreement could be reached by the end of this month.

The Admiral, who was appointed by U. N. SecretaryGeneral Trygve Lie last March to administer the plebiscite, said that after a truce agreement is reached, the next step will be to determine the conditions under which voting will be held.

STAFF OF 25

The former commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, under the terms of his appointment, will be given all facilities he considers necessary, but will take with him a staff of only 25, in addition to eight guards from Lake Success to geep watch over the confidential papers of his mission. He said, however, that the U. N. Commission for Kashmir, which negotiated a cease-fire last New Year's Day, now has 60 military observers who are doing excellent job and he hoped they would stay on to help administer the plebiscite.

LIST OF VOTERS

The first job before Admiral Nimitz's mission will be to compile a list of qualified voters in isolated Kashmir, a region of 4,000,000 inhabitants which has no railroads. The registration problem is complicated by the fact that at least half a million refugees fled from Kashmir to India and Pakistan during the fighting last year. "Moreover", the "Times" report says, "since no election has ever been held in Kashmir, the mission will have to explain to the inhabitants either in Hindustani or Urdu, the respective languages of Hindu and Mohammedan elements, or in a dozen local languages, that they have the choice between being merged with India or Pakistan".

"Nimitz", the "Times" said, believes that even if truce negotiations are concluded promptly it will be impossible to hold the plebiscite until late next summer, because Kashmir is snowbound from November until May.

The U.N. administrator-designate said the intervening months will be needed to complete lists, village by village, of registered voters, and to decide on expected claims by Indian and Pakistani representatives that certain individual voters are not qualified. Women possibly will be permitted to vote, the Admiral said.

The "Times" article continued, "Under the tentative plans prepared by Admiral Nimitz there will be 2,800 polling places, at each of which Indian and Pakistani representatives will be allowed to be present. However, the decision on all contested issues will be made by a representative of the mission, and Admiral Nimitz explained that he would need a staff of 3,000 men for this purpose.

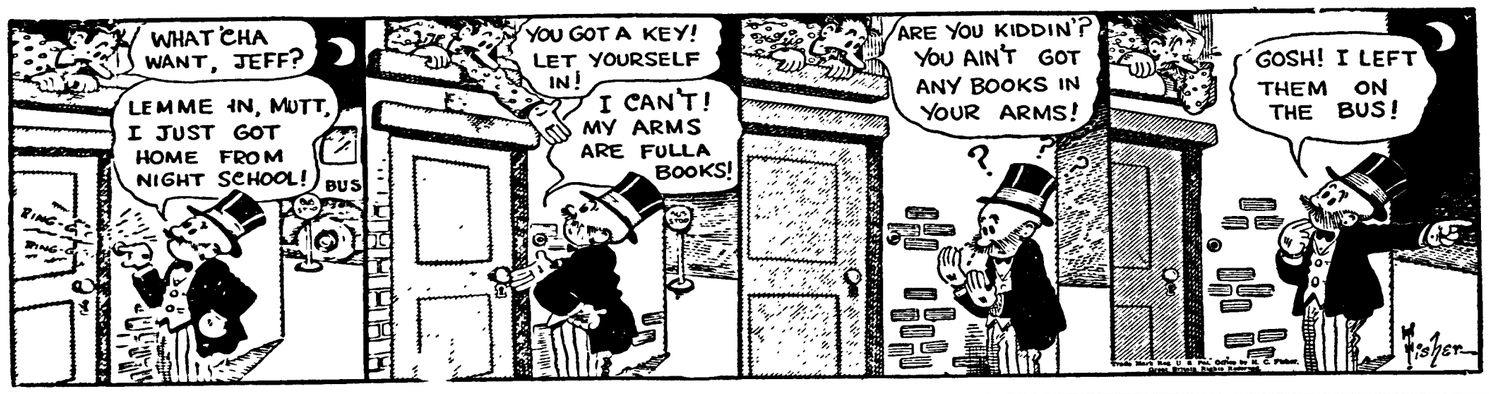
"Because of the nature of the work, he emphasized, they should not be citizens of Kashmir, Pakistan or India, and although he has made no final decision on this point, he said that he thought a detachment of United States soldiers or Marines—sailors would not be available—would be well-suited for this responsibility."

The "Times" articles said, "The success of the United Nations in bringing a stop to the fighting in Kashmir has been hailed as one of the greatest triumphs." The plebiscite, it added, would cost between $5,000,000 and $9,000,000 depending upon how much charge for personal and equipment will be made by the co-operating governments.

"But this, Admiral Nimitz remarked, would be a small price for avoiding a war that might have involved the 4,00,000,000 people of the sub-continent of India."

MUTT AND JEFF—What Tell? Jeff Is A Southpaw—See Last Picture

By BUD FISHER


WHAT'CHA WANT, JEFF?
LEMME IN, MUTT, I JUST GOT HOME FROM NIGHT SCHOOL!
BUS
YOU GOT A KEY! LET YOURSELF IN!
I CAN'T! MY ARMS ARE FULLA BOOKS!
ARE YOU KIDDIN'? YOU AIN'T GOT ANY BOOKS IN YOUR ARMS!
GOSH! I LEFT THEM ON THE BUS!
Fisher

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